

Pre-Joining Education

Background: The University of Iowa partnered with RISE Partnerships to develop a two module experience for all students looking to join the fraternity and sorority community. This initiative came from the direction of the fraternity and sorority life strategic plan and supports our initiatives to build a more inclusive, healthier and safer and more supported community.

Overview:

- Two module experience: one in person and one online
 - Online module will be general fraternity/sorority information for the University of Iowa. The online module will be housed in ICON
 - In person module will be peer facilitated and council specific
- Centered on expectations of membership, health and safety and student success
- Each module will take between 45 and 60 minutes to complete
- In person module timing and frequency will be determined by individual councils with oversight from staff
- Following the completion of each module, interested students will have their name and emailed entered into a database maintained by fraternity and sorority life staff. Chapters wishing to invite a member to join will be required to check this database to make sure they are eligible for membership (eligibility is determined by completion of both modules)

Frequently Asked Questions

- Why is this necessary?
 - This education exists to make sure everyone joining the fraternity and sorority life community is fully informed, to create a safer and more inclusive community and to help develop lifelong members
- Who has to complete this education?
 - To be completed by all students before receiving a bid/invitation to membership for any fraternity or sorority, regardless of council
- What happens if I don't complete both modules?
 - If both modules are not completed, a student will not be eligible for joining a fraternity or sorority at the University of Iowa. Eligibility will resume when both modules are completed
- Does this count for academic credit?
 - These modules are not considered academic credit and do not effect a student's academic course load and/or financial aid packages
- Do I need to register for this education?
 - Students who have indicated interest in fraternity and sorority life will receive email instructions for completing both modules of the pre-joining education. Information can also be found on the fraternity and sorority life website