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Fraternities and sororities have been part of life at Centenary since before Centenary moved to Shreveport! In addition to social opportunities, Greek Life offers many chances to serve and lead others on campus and in the community. Greek leaders are woven into all facets of campus life, including athletics, student government, residence life, and the arts.



Percentage of students involved in Greek Life:

- Men: 34.13%
- Women: 37.33%
- All-campus: 36%

Scholarship:

Women

- All-Greek female GPA (spring 2019) = 3.35
- All-campus female GPA (spring 2019) = 3.27
- Non-Greek female GPA (spring 2019) = 3.26

Men

- All-Greek male GPA (spring 2019) = 3.07
- All-campus male GPA (spring 2019) = 2.82
- Non-Greek male GPA (spring 2019) = 2.83

Athletes -

Greek and non-Greek

- Men: Greek athletes had a higher GPA than non-Greek athletes in spring 2019 (2.99 vs 2.91)
- Women: Greek athletes had a higher GPA than non-Greek athletes in spring 2019 (3.51 vs 3.13)



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Welcome

We're sure you know that you've made an excellent choice to attend a college known for its high academic standards, but Centenary College also offers many opportunities for involvement. One of these opportunities is the Greek system, and participating in Recruitment is a wonderful way to become acquainted with a variety of women on campus and also develop lasting friendships.

At Centenary College there are two women's fraternities: Chi Omega and Zeta Tau Alpha. These groups offer close bonds, lasting friendships, community involvement through service projects, and social activities designed to facilitate the intellectual and personal development of their members.

Once you arrive at Centenary, you will have a chance to meet your Recruitment Counselor who is there to help answer any questions you might have about Recruitment. You will be allowed and are encouraged to communicate openly with these women since they have been educated about each fraternity. They will meet with you throughout the week of Recruitment to help guide and direct you through this process.

Please use this booklet to decide if Greek life at Centenary is right for you! If you have further questions or need more information, please contact panhellenic@centenary.edu.

We look forward to meeting you, and we wish you the best of luck at Centenary!

-Executive Board of Centenary Panhellenic Association

About Panhellenic

The College Panhellenic Association is composed of all members of the women's fraternities on Centenary's campus. The Panhellenic Council is the governing body and is composed of members from each of the sorority chapters. The Council strives to set common guidelines, policies, and goals for the women's fraternity system. The Council promotes high scholarship, personal development of individual members, leadership, good citizenship, exemplary conduct, and lifelong friendships. During the week of formal recruitment, please do not be afraid to ask Panhellenic Council members about questions or concerns you may have. We are here to help and make this process a fun time in your life!



Sororities

Chi Omega

Chi Omega was founded on April 5, 1895 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. It is the largest women's fraternity in the world with 360,000 initiated members and 181 active chapters. Chi Omega has maintained a high level of achievement in scholarship and service at Centenary since 1928.

Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha was founded on October 15, 1898 at Virginia State Female Normal School. There are over 218,000 initiated members and 162 active chapters. The Beta Iota Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha, established in 1927, was the first women's fraternity on Centenary's campus. ZTA continues to uphold high standards and the sisters pride themselves on being a talented group of women working together to achieve a greater good.



Recruitment Week

Monday, September 2, 2019 - Philanthropy Night

During this round, you will learn about each house's philanthropy and beliefs, giving you a chance to see which one is the best fit for you. This round will last approximately 30 minutes.

Attire: Panhellenic recruitment T-shirt, nice shorts or casual skirt

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 - Sisterhood Night

This round will introduce you to the sisterhood events that take place at each house; you may see slideshows or pictures of the sisters having fun! You'll be able to associate more closely with the active members at this event during conversation times. The round lasts approximately 40 minutes and dress is dressy casual.

Attire: Dressy casual (sundress, skirt, nice pants, etc.)

Thursday, September 5, 2019 - Preference Night

This night is often called the "make it or break it" night. During this round, you will have even closer conversations with the active members and will learn more about each chapter and its values. Many people who have been undecided throughout the week find their niche on this night. The round will last approximately 50 minutes and dress is more formal than previous nights.

Attire: Dressy (cocktail dress or slacks and a blouse)

Saturday, September 7, 2019 - Bid Day

Bid Day is the best of all! This event starts early in the morning when you are handed your bid. Once everyone has been given their bid, all of the new members will run down the hill to be with their new sisters. Seeing your sorority so happy to welcome you is a feeling like none other. You will spend the whole day hanging out with the girls and having fun.

Attire: Casual (athletic shorts, shorts, and a t-shirt, etc. You will be given a shirt for your new house upon acceptance of your bid).

REGISTRATION COSTS:

June 1 through June 30 - \$15 • July 1 through August 8 - \$20

August 9th through August 31st \$25

Pre-Recruitment Events are mandatory and start on August 27!

Financial Info

Expenses for New Members

National Dues	\$238/semester, \$79.33/month
Panhellenic Dues	\$15/semester, \$5/three months
House Corp Dues	\$60/semester, \$20/month
New Member Fee	\$75 one-time fee
Risk Management Fee	\$50 one-time fee
Initiation Fee	\$125/semester, \$25/three months

Monthly Breakdown - October

National Dues	\$77.33
Panhellenic Dues	\$5
House Corp Dues	\$20
New Member Fee	\$75
1/3 Initiation Fee	\$50
TOTAL	\$202.33

Monthly Breakdown - November

National Dues	\$79.33
Panhellenic Dues	\$5
House Corp Dues	\$20
Risk Management Fee	\$50
2/3 Initiation Fee	\$25
TOTAL	\$179.33

Monthly Breakdown - November

National Dues	\$79.33
Panhellenic Dues	\$5
House Corp Dues	\$20
3/3 Initiation Fee	\$25
TOTAL	\$129.33

Visit centenary.edu/greek for a comprehensive list of costs.



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Welcome

I first want to say thank you for choosing Centenary College to continue your education, as that in itself is a noteworthy accomplishment. Now that you are here, I want to personally welcome you to Shreveport and to the Centenary community. Here at Centenary, you will have the opportunity to join many organizations on campus and in the Shreveport-Bossier community that will truly allow you to do more for yourself, others, and the world. Our fraternity and sorority community is much smaller than what you will find at many colleges and universities; we have three fraternities in our Interfraternity Council (IFC). Despite the size, our Greek community plays a huge role in campus leadership and service. Joining a fraternity at Centenary will change your life forever, as it did mine. You will not only gain brothers, but also create memories that will last a lifetime. As you begin your collegiate journey, I encourage you to entertain the idea of becoming a part of our unique community. Whether you ultimately join a fraternity, I look forward to seeing you in the fall, and wish you the best of luck here at Centenary.

Best wishes,

Aeron Tisdale, IFC Vice President for Recruitment

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About IFC

At Centenary College of Louisiana, “fraternity” is used to describe a brotherhood of men who have voluntarily joined together to achieve excellence in several areas. Centenary’s fraternities promote academic achievement, leadership opportunities, campus activities, fellowship, community service to both the local community and the world, and help prepare members for successful careers.

Fraternity men are involved all across campus and can be found leading the Student Government Association, playing on all of Centenary’s intercollegiate athletic teams, singing in the choir, and more—Greek life is only one part of being involved at Centenary.

Centenary has three fraternities that comprise the Interfraternity Council, or IFC, and you will have the opportunity to visit each one during recruitment.





Fraternities

Kappa Alpha Order

1865, Washington & Lee University in
Lexington, Virginia

Philanthropy: MDA and LifeShare

Colors: Old Gold, White, and Crimson Red

Kappa Sigma

1869, University of Virginia

Philanthropy: Wounded Warrior Project

Colors: Green and Red

Tau Kappa Epsilon

1899, Illinois Wesleyan University

Philanthropy: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Colors: Cherry Red and Battleship Grey

Recruitment Week

Monday, September 2, 2019—Social Activity

Before recruitment begins, you will have the opportunity to meet current members of Centenary's fraternities as well as other men going through the recruitment process. Take time during this event to ask questions about Greek Life at Centenary and meet as many people as possible!

Wednesday, September 4, 2019—House Reveal

On this night, you will visit each fraternity house and learn more about the individual organizations. This night is a good chance to ask the different chapters what makes them unique. Following House Reveal, you will list which house or houses you would like to visit for Preference Events. You will be in each house for approximately 45 minutes.

Thursday, September 5, 2019—Preference Round 1

Preference Events are your opportunity to spend more time with your top choice fraternities, but this time, you'll be off campus. Fraternities usually have games, activities, food, and more. Preference events are approximately three to four hours long.

Friday, September 6, 2019—Preference Round 2

Saturday, September 7, 2019—Bid Day

All potential new members will meet with IFC Executive Officers to receive a bid from a fraternity. It is rare for a potential new member who has fully participated in the recruitment process to not receive a bid.

Going Greek

“I would highly recommend being involved in Greek Life at Centenary. It has surrounded me with great quality friends who I will have for the rest of my life. Being in a fraternity provided me with opportunities to excel in the classroom and build connections that will help advance me towards my goals and aspirations in life.”

- Jonathan '21

“I chose to be a part of Greek Life because everyone was so welcoming and immediately gave me a sense of belonging. Every woman I spoke with was driven, altruistic, and genuine. I knew college was going to be filled with totally new experiences, and I wanted to be surrounded by passionate and supportive women to help me along the way!”

- Arianna '21

“I used to be anti-Greek Life going into my freshman year, but now that I've gone through the recruitment process and have spent time with my fraternity, I realize how invaluable the experience has been thus far. There hasn't been a day that goes by where I regret my decision to go Greek!”

- Ahnry '20

“I went Greek to create a second family for myself here at Centenary. I joined my sorority for the sisterhood and to be surrounded by successful, strong women. What I didn’t expect was how much being a part of Greek Life has helped me grow into who I am today. My sisters saw potential in me as a leader that I didn’t even realize. Being part of my sorority’s Executive Council as a freshman has been a great honor and shown me how being in a sorority can positively impact your college career. My sorority has instilled so much confidence in me through the support of my sisters. Going Greek was the best decision I ever made!”

- Brenlyee '22

“Before I came to Centenary, Greek Life was not something I thought would interest me and frankly, I didn’t really see the appeal. After going through recruitment and being actively involved in Greek Life for the past two years I can easily say that it is one of the best decisions I have made at Centenary. Not only have I made friendships that will last a lifetime, I have been given the opportunity to mature as a leader and a man. I am fortunate to be a part of the environment that Centenary provides.”

- Anthony '21

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