

University of California, Santa Barbara
Pursuit of Excellence Initiative: Accreditation Program 2013-2014

The Pursuit of Excellence Initiative is a platform which seeks to maintain a higher standard of living for the fraternal community. Greek Organizations are accountable for high performance in the following areas: academic excellence, educational programs, community service, philanthropy, risk management and fiscal responsibility.

1. Academic (25 points total)

Chapters will be evaluated based upon collective GPA. Points will be awarded to chapters who are at or above the all men's or women's GPA.

- A student must earn at least 12 hours of passing credit each quarter
- Failure to meet this standard by a member after three quarters *should* result in the termination of the member's active status

2. Fulfilling Educational Requirements (35 points) [Required Break Down: fall 2 workshops, winter 3 workshops, spring 2 workshops]

Chapters are required to complete 7 mandatory educational workshops throughout the academic year. Chapters may attend the pre-planned workshop setup by the Greek Life Office or coordinate private presentations. Chapter must submit "educational workshop verification," located on the OSL Greek Life OrgSync portal (www.orgsync.com) by Friday of Dead Week.

- Greek Organization have the opportunity to RSVP to the Greek Life sponsored educational.

IMPORTANT:

- **It is required to have 70% of chapter members including new members in attendance at all educational workshops.**

3. Community Service (20 points total)

- 70% of chapter must complete 6 or more hours per quarter
- Philanthropy events do not count for community service hours
- All individual hours forms **must** be tallied and summarized on "Chapter Hour Summary" form and turned into the Greek Life Office by **Friday of Dead Week** each quarter
- All new members are required to complete the 6 hours during their new member quarter
- Partnership Opportunities: If a chapter or an outside group wants to be creates their own programs they want to be considered as Community Service or an Educational Workshops, it needs to be approved by the Greek Life Office. Email greeklife@sa.ucsb.edu with a description and how it serves the community

[If you have questions in regards to community service, please contact the Greek Life Office at (805) 893-8463 or email: Jorcyelin.ani@sa.ucsb.edu Subject: "Attn: Community Service"]

NOTE: Members are required to obtain signatures and contact information on all service hours completed. A form turned in without a signature and contact information will not be counted in the chapter's overall total.

IMPORTANT:

- **All hours need to be totaled on a "Community Service Summary" form and attached to the front of individual "Community Service Agency" forms**

▪ **LATE PACKETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR CONSIDERED**

4. Risk Management (20 points total)

All chapters are bided to the Statement of Relationship policies when planning and executing events. Chapters must provide safe and alcohol-free events and activities.

a. Attendance at Risk Management Meetings

All presidents, risk managers, and social chairs will be required to attend the risk management meeting held once each quarter. *If any of these three officers cannot attend (president, social chair, and risk manager), they may only send a member of the executive board in their place and email greeklife@sa.ucsb.edu in advance about their absence to still receive credit.*

- One meeting per quarter
- Each president, Risk Manager, and Social Chair (or representatives) are required to attend the meeting. If all three are present at the meeting, the chapter will be given the full 5 for the session

b. Event Registration

- Any & all events must be registered & submitted on OrgSync at least a week before the expected event (i.e. formals, club parties, socials, philanthropy, community service)
- Risk Managers of the host location will then inform the Greek Life Office at least 2 days before the event by submitting the “Event Registration Form” located on OrgSync

c. Behavior of Chapter

- All chapters are required to follow University regulations and be in good standing with the institution
- Chapters will be awarded points based upon their behavior for the quarter

IMPORTANT:

Chapters that fail to complete the action plan will be referred to the Registered Campus Organization Conduct Board (RCOCB) for potential loss of recognition.

5. Greek Counseling Peer (15 points)

Attendance for the GCP program is mandatory and the selected representative through the application process should be the individual attending the meetings. Proxies will not be an acceptable form of attendance. If s/he is unable to attend, in order to be excused and still have the option of receiving points, s/he must email one or all of the co-leaders at least 48 hours before the missed meeting. Then, the co-leaders will schedule a make-up meeting as needed. If any emergencies come up within the 48 hour window, please email at least one of the co-leaders and upon review of the excuse, a make-up meeting arrangement can be made.

If a GCP seems to be unable to attend 2 or more meetings per quarter without legitimate reason, the co-leaders may refer him or her to the Director or Assistant Director of Fraternities and Sororities.

At the end of each quarter GCPs will be responsible for turning in program evaluations from at least 70% of their chapter’s membership into the Greek Life office by the Friday of Dead Week. The evaluations will be based on the effectiveness of passing along the information taught throughout the quarter in GCP meetings. If the evaluations are not turned in, or if less than 70% of the chapter’s membership has completed them, points will be deducted off of the chapter’s total score as such:

- No evaluations received: Minus 5 points
- Less than 50% of chapter received: Minus 4 points
- Between 50-70% of chapter received: Minus 3 points

6. Financial Responsibility (10 points)

All chapters are required to pay dues to their overseeing council. Each quarter, chapters are responsible for meeting the dues deadlines assigned by their overseeing council. If you have questions, please contact your council presidents.

A HIGHER PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE (Bonus Points/Extra credit; 10 extra points total per quarter)

1. Community Service in Isla Vista (5 points on overall total):

In order to facilitate more involvement in the local Isla Vista community, chapters will be given an extra 5 points for completing majority of their community service hours by participating in local Isla Vista events

2. Doing “Extras” not required by Greek Life (up to 5 extra points on overall total)

These include:

- Facilitating an extra educational workshop for your chapter
- Developing a risk management policy documenting fire drills, evacuation plans, safety practices within or outside the chapter facility
- Putting on a chapter leadership development workshop

[If you would like to complete “extras,” please contact the Greek Life Office for prior approval]

SUMMARY:

Overall scores are weighted differently each quarter and are as follows:

- **Fall Scores: Out of 105 points (115 with extra credit)**
- **Winter Scores: Out of 100 points (110 with extra credit)**
- **Spring Scores: Out of 100 (110 with extra credit)**