

UW Greek Life...

A campus tradition since 1896

"I did not join a fraternity until my sophomore year at the UW. Since joining the Greek Community, I have become more outgoing and have developed as a leader. My fraternity has encouraged me to go outside my comfort zone to gain new experiences, meet new people and grow as a person. The opportunities available to me by being in a fraternity have played a decisive role in the development of my character."

- Daniel Kress, UW Junior

Each fraternity and sorority has its own unique personality. Each chapter can provide opportunities to make friends and develop into a student leader. Becoming a part of the Greek community also provides students a safe and exciting place to live during their time at the UW. Joining a Greek chapter is one of the best ways to become part of the UW community. Membership helps students to excel academically, give back to the community, and create new friendships that will last a lifetime.

"What is Greek Life really all about?"



Upperclassmen are helping new members prepare for exams. Someone is getting ready to jog down to the MA to workout while someone else is off to Odegaard Library to prepare for an exam. Others are lounging in front of the TV while a game of pool is being decided in the next room. Chapters also host many academic, social, cultural and recreational activities. Some nights you'll have chapter meetings or get together to plan a community service event. Other evenings you'll dress up to attend chapter formal and dances. On weekends you can choose from skiing, camping, BBQs, parties or casual get-togethers.

| Average Cost of Living | |
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| Fraternity | Sorority |
| Quarterly Payment: (Room & Board) | Quarterly Payment: (Room & Board) |
| Average: \$2230 | Average: \$2230 |
| Low: \$1700 | Low: \$1911 |
| High: \$2400 | High: \$2594 |

Fraternity and sorority residential housing has been a long-standing tradition at UW and today our chapter facilities house over 3,000 students. Living alongside your fraternity brothers or sorority sisters offers you an immediate, close-knit group of friends to ease your transition into the university environment. From collaborating on class projects to dancing the night away, living in a fraternity or sorority house is like having a home away from home. Each chapter house is made up of a group of closely connected people from a wide variety of backgrounds. On any given day you'll find people coming and going, listening to music and talking about the day's events.

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Famous UW Greeks...

Kim Kaiser: CEO of Motorola
Paul Thiry: Architect of the Space Needle
Norm Dicks: Washington Congressman
Dan Evans: Former Governor of Washington
Hugh McElhenny: NFL Hall of Fame

James Caviezel: Actor
Christine Gregoire: Governor of WA
Everett, Bruce, Blake, Peter, Eric & John Nordstrom: Nordstrom
Stuart Evey: ESPN Founder

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“Living in a fraternity, I have made many great friends. To me brotherhood is the friend that will pick you up when your car breaks down, will give you a ride to the airport at five in the morning... it’s the friends I will have for the rest of my life.”

- Evan Jones, UW Senior



Leadership

Fraternalities and sororities provide ample opportunities for students to gain and enhance their leadership skills. Greek organizations are self-governing, self-running communities. All members, including new members, have the opportunity to serve on a number of committees within the chapter. Greek chapters provide members with opportunities to acquire leadership skills and gain necessary real world work experience while in school. Goal setting, action plan development, values-based leadership, problem solving and decision-making skills are enhanced by fraternity or sorority leadership and membership. Numerous national, political, and corporate leaders developed and polished their leadership style and skills as members of Greek organizations while in college. Fraternity and sorority members are represented in every part of university life and are a dynamic force in student government, honorary societies, and athletics.



“Once a month, my sorority volunteers at the Union Street Gospel Mission serving food to the homeless. Giving back to the community is important to Greek members and living with 70 other women makes it easy to organize service opportunities.”

- Katie Smith, UW Sophomore

Community Service

Community service is one of the founding principles of fraternities and sororities. It allows members to do more than simply give their time; it provides them the opportunity to become actively involved in the Seattle community. UW Greek chapters have a long tradition of dedicated involvement in both local and national charities. Involvement in these organizations not only benefits the worthy causes, it also allows members to gain valuable leadership experience, thus enriching their life.

Greek chapters at the University of Washington annually sponsor community service events for their members, as well as working together and participating in Greek wide service events. The all-Greek philanthropy, Greek Week, allows all members of the community to work toward helping a designated beneficiary each spring. Whether it’s participating in community clean-up projects or fund-raising for charities, University of Washington Greeks are dedicated to donating their time and energy to help the Seattle community.



Academics

A high academic standard is set for members of Greek organizations. The Greek community at the University of Washington is committed to providing an environment that supports its members in their academic pursuits. By joining a Greek organization students join a community that provides a wide variety of programs and resources to help its members achieve academic success. Each organization places great emphasis on scholarship and promotes academic excellence in a variety of ways, such as incentive programs, group study sessions, and mentoring. Chapters within the Greek community are also able to recognize the academic achievements of its current and prospective members through scholarships and annual recognition banquets. Each UW Greek is proud of the fact that the fraternity and sorority averages are consistently above the all-men’s and all-women’s averages!

Housing

Features included in many chapter houses are:

- > Walking distance from campus
- > Reserved parking spots
- > Basketball court
- > Work-out room
- > On-site laundry facilities
- > Single or shared rooms
- > Phones in every room
- > Living rooms with comfortable furniture
- > Spacious dining rooms and kitchens
- > Meals prepared by professional cooks
- > Computer and study rooms
- > High-speed wireless internet access
- > Recreational areas and big-screen TVs
- > Live-in house directors (sororities only)

Note: All sororities and some fraternities provide an alcohol-free housing environment.



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 Nearly half of US Supreme Court Justices since 1800 >
 All but 8 US Presidents since 1825 >
 58% of US Cabinet members since 1900 >

Are all Greek

< 30% of US Congressmen/women
 < 42% of US Senators
 < 30% of Fortune 500 Executives
 < Over 800 campuses in the United States and Canada