MERCER UNIVERSITY

Panhellenic Recruitment

SEPTEMBER 10-15, 2017
What is Recruitment?
Recruitment is a series of organized events that allow you to learn more about the Greek community, sorority life, and individual sorority members. During Recruitment, you will be assigned to a Pi Chi and a recruitment group. Through a process of mutual selection, sororities choose their new members, and a potential member may be invited to become a new member of a sorority.

If I go through Recruitment, am I obligated to join?
No, some women choose to go through Recruitment to meet people and make new friends. Recruitment is the opportunity for you to visit the sororities, get a glimpse of Greek life, and assess whether or not you would like to join the Greek community.

What if I turn down a bid I receive?
If you turn down your bid, you will not be able to participate in Recruitment for one calendar year, and you will not be able to participate in Continuous Open Bidding. Think before deciding! Emotions tend to temporarily cloud your thinking and judgment. Give yourself and the sorority a chance before rejecting a bid.

What is Delayed Recruitment?
Mercer follows a Delayed Recruitment model which means that Greek organizations cannot actively recruit during the first few weeks of fall semester. Male and female first-year students must abide by the policies, and violations can result in the inability to join a chapter. For more information, visit Delayed Recruitment Guidelines located on our website: www.mercer.edu/greek

What do sororities look for in members?
Sororities look for women who possess a variety of qualities, talents, interests, and abilities in order to form a diverse group in which each member benefits. Mercer’s Panhellenic Council has no input in the membership selection process or the qualifications each chapter considers. The criteria that sororities use for membership selection may include previous academic performance, activities and interests in high school or college, and personal interaction with sorority members during Recruitment parties.
What should I talk about during Recruitment events?

It is important to be yourself during Recruitment and let the conversation flow naturally. The sororities are presenting themselves to you just as you are presenting yourself to them. Ask questions so you can make comparisons and decisions. During Open House Night, you will mostly talk about yourself—where you went to high school, what you were involved in, what your summer was like, and your intended major. This round is your chance to stand out, so don’t be shy. During Invitational/Skit Night, you will probably hear more about the sorority and what it has to offer. Remember to keep asking questions during this round since you will have to narrow down your choices.

What if I’m shy?

Just be yourself! Every sorority wants members with a variety of personalities. Every member of a sorority contributes her individual talents to the chapter. Just keep in mind that it is up to you to present yourself to each sorority. Smile and feel free to talk. There is no reason to feel insecure; sororities want to impress you as much as you want to impress them.

What if I have trouble choosing sororities?

Difficult decisions are common, but you should not look at this as a problem. Most women would be happy at more than one chapter on campus. Think about what each sorority has to offer you. A sorority should feel like a second home, a place where you feel totally comfortable and welcome. Your intuition, experiences at each party, and personal goals should guide you to the groups that are right for you. Remember, your Pi Chi is there to talk through your decision process so you can make the best decision you can make.

Will all potential members join a chapter at the end of Recruitment?

Recruitment is a process of mutual selection, both on the part of the potential member and the sorority. There are many different outcomes of this process. A sorority may or may not select the individual, and the individual may or may not choose to join a sorority at all. Participating in Recruitment does not guarantee that you will be asked to join a chapter, nor does it obligate you to join one.
Friday, September 1
Last day to register for 2017 Recruitment.

Sunday, September 10
Welcome and Informational Night, 6:30 p.m.
Connell Student Center, Conference Room 1
Information about Recruitment, meet with Pi Chi, and tour Greek Village.

Monday, September 11
Open House Night 1, 6 p.m.
Connell Student Center*
Potential new members will meet with all four sororities.

Tuesday, September 12
Open House Night 2, 6 p.m.
Connell Student Center*
Potential new members will meet with all four sororities.

Wednesday, September 13
Philanthropy Night, 5 p.m.
Connell Student Center*
Potential new members may meet with a maximum of three sororities.

Thursday, September 14
Preference Night, 5 p.m.
Connell Student Center*
Potential new members may meet with a maximum of two sororities.

Friday, September 15
Bid Day, 5 p.m.
New members receive bids in the Connell Student Center. Pi Chis will take new members to Bid Day celebration in Greek Village at the appointed time.

*Specific meeting information will be provided by your Pi Chi.
**Delayed recruitment policies apply beginning July 1, 2017.
Open House Night

**WHAT TO WEAR**

**Do:** Recruitment T-shirt, shorts, skirts, sandals, flats  
**Don’t:** dresses, suits, shorts that are “too short,” dress shoes, heels

During Open House Night, you will visit each of the four chapters. Parties will last 30 minutes—this is the time to get a brief look at each chapter and get a first impression of the sorority system. Do not be afraid to ask the sisters any questions you have about the sorority or Greek Life in general. Make sure you tell the sisters about yourself as well; they need to get to know you as much as you need to know them! Be open to learn about each house, and do not set your mind on one chapter before Recruitment. Keeping an open mind is the best way to ensure that you go to the house where you are happiest!
Philanthropy Night

WHAT TO WEAR

Do: casual skirts, capris, sundresses, simple tops, sandals, flats
Don’t: T-shirts, formal dresses, dress shoes, heels

During Philanthropy Night, you may visit up to three chapters. The parties will last 45 minutes each, and you will learn about what makes each individual chapter unique. This round is a special time to communicate and look for certain attributes you want in your sorority and your sorority sisters. This night is a chance for the sororities to talk about their philanthropic work at Mercer, in the Macon community, and nationally.
Preference Night

WHAT TO WEAR

Do: dresses, suits, dress shoes, heels
Don’t: formal dresses, casual dresses, jeans, shorts

During the final night of Recruitment, potential members visit up to two chapters. This round is called Preference (Pref) because you will be making the final decision about which sorority you prefer. Each party will last a full hour. Each sorority will present a different ritual or ceremony, and the sisters will tell you what their sorority means to them. This round can be very emotional. This is your last opportunity to look at the sororities you may join. Keep an open mind, reflect back over the last few days, and ask any remaining questions you may have. It may be difficult to choose between chapters, but remember there is not necessarily one “right” choice. Consider all of your options, and go where YOU will be happiest!
National Panhellenic Sororities AT MERCER

Alpha Delta Pi
National Founding: 1851
Mercer Founding: 1937
Chapter Designation: Beta Sigma
Flower: Woodland Violet
Mascot: Lion
Colors: Azure Blue and White
Motto: “We Live for Each Other.”
Philanthropy: Ronald McDonald House
Website: merceradpi.squarespace.com

Chi Omega
National Founding: 1895
Mercer Founding: 1943
Chapter Designation: Psi Gamma
Flower: White Carnation
Mascot: Owl, Chili Pepper
Colors: Cardinal and Straw
Motto: “Hellenistic Culture & Christian Ideals.”
Philanthropy: Make-A-Wish Foundation
Website: www.chiomega.com/psigamma

Alpha Gamma Delta
National Founding: 1904
Mercer Founding: 1960
Chapter Designation: Gamma Iota
Flower: Red and Buff Roses
Mascot: Squirrel
Colors: Red, Buff, and Green
Motto: “Inspire the Woman. Impact the World.”
Philanthropy: Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation
Website: mercer.alphagammadelta.org

Phi Mu
National Founding: 1852
Mercer Founding: 1938
Chapter Designation: Alpha Iota
Flower: Pink Carnation
Mascot: Ladybug
Colors: Rose and White
Motto: “Les Soeurs Fideles” (The Faithful Sisters)
Philanthropy: Children’s Miracle Network
Website: mercer.phimu.org

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