

IMPORTANT: The following is an excerpt from the IFC constitution. The IFC constitution can be found at <http://ifcumd.com/resources/>

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Academic Policy
Part I: For Entire Chapters

1. The provision below is dictated by the cumulative chapter G.P.A. of fraternities compared to the All Men's Average. 2. Chapters with a cumulative G.P.A. at or above the All Men's Average will be considered in good academic standing and will be eligible to apply for chapter scholarships. 3. Scholarships will be extended on a basis that is proportional to the semester's excess budget for the IFC VP of Academic Affairs. Scholarships will be given to 3 fraternities based on the following criteria: highest New Member GPA, highest Cumulative Chapter GPA, and Most Improved Chapter GPA from the previous semester. The excess budget will be divided evenly between the three chapters receiving scholarships that semester based on the aforementioned criteria. 4. Chapters that fall below the All Men's Average will be considered on Academic Probation and will be assigned a different Probationary Level depending on how far the cumulative chapter GPA falls below the All Men's Average. 5. The Academic Recognition Levels will be dictated as follows:

a. Level 1

i. If a chapter's GPA is 0.01 to 0.05 below the All Men's Average, that chapter will be placed on Level 1 Recognition. Level 1 Recognition entails the following:

1. The Chapter President and Scholarship Chair are required to meet with the IFC VP of Academic Affairs within the first two months of the semester.
2. The chapter's Scholarship Chair (or similar officer of the chapter) must submit a plan for academic improvement within the first two months of the semester to be approved by the IFC Vice President of Academic Affairs.

b. Level 2

i. If a chapter's GPA is 0.06 to 0.10 below the All Men's Average, that chapter will be placed on Level 2 Recognition. Level 2 Recognition entails the following:

1. All requirements listed for Level 1 Recognition
2. Additionally, 35 percent of chapter membership must be in attendance at an academic event created by the chapter or attend another campus event within the same semester that is approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

c. Level 3

i. If a chapter's GPA is 0.11 to 0.15 below the All Men's Average, that chapter will be placed on Level 3 Recognition. Level 3 Recognition entails the following:

1. All requirements listed for Level 1 and 2 Recognition
2. Additionally, 60 percent of chapter membership must be in attendance at the major academic event set by the Vice President of Academic Affairs for that semester. If there is no event in the semester in which the chapter

receives Level 3 Recognition, they can have 60 percent of their members attend an event created by the chapter or attend another campus event within the same semester that is approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

2. The chapter must only extend bids to potential new members with individual Grade Point Averages at or above 2.75 for the following semester or until the overall chapter Grade Point Average is less than 0.10 below the All Men's Average. D.

d. Level 4

i. If a chapter's GPA is 0.16 or below the All Men's Average, that chapter will be placed on Level 4 Recognition. Level 4 Recognition entails the following:

1. All requirements listed for Level 1, 2 and 3 Recognition 2. The chapter will not be allowed to participate in Homecoming or Spring Fest (or any events established hereafter with the same general purpose). 6. If a chapter does not comply with the requirements of their assigned Academic Recognition Level, they will be called into a hearing by the IFC Judicial Board, where the IFC Vice President of Academic Affairs will be present to provide testimony related to the academic standards of the chapter in question. Upon the determination of responsibility, chapters will be sanctioned with 1 to 16 weeks of social moratorium.

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Part II: For New Members and Recruits

1. To further the cause of academic achievement in the Greek System at the University of Maryland, College Park, there will be a unification of the required grade point average necessary in order to become an initiated member of a fraternity recognized by the Interfraternity Council.

2. Any chapter with an overall Grade Point Average below the All Men's Grade Point Average for one semester or a New Member Grade Point Average below a 2.75 is required to adhere to the following requirements:

a. The chapter must provide written justification for extending a bid to a potential new member with an individual Grade Point Average below a 2.75.

b. The chapter Scholarship Chairman and one representative from the chapter Executive Board (if the Scholarship Chairman is not an Executive Board position) must meet with the Vice President of Academic Affairs at the start and midpoint of the following semester to discuss academic plans and programs for both brothers and new members.

3. Any chapter with an overall Grade Point Average below a 3.0 for two or more consecutive semesters or a New Member Grade Point Average below a 2.75 for two or more consecutive semesters is required to adhere to the previous two requirements and the following:

- a. The chapter must only extend bids to potential new members with individual Grade Point Averages at or above 2.75 for the following semester or until the overall chapter Grade Point Average reaches 3.0.
- b. The chapter must satisfy the Academic Programming expectation with seventy-five (75) percent of chapter members in attendance.