



# GREEK LIFE AT VANDERBILT: THE JOINING PROCESS & MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE Q&A

***The following are questions that were submitted during the webinar with the corresponding answers***

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

**Are transfer students eligible to participate in the spring recruitment process?**

Yes, transfer students are eligible to join a Greek organization in the spring.

**My transfer student was an active member of a Greek organization at a different university. What are their next steps at Vanderbilt?**

If the organization that your student is a part of is active on Vanderbilt's campus, the Office of Greek Life can help connect your student to Vanderbilt's chapter. If the organization is **not** active on Vanderbilt's campus, your student is not eligible to participate in recruitment at Vanderbilt. Office of Greek Life staff can help connect your student with the local alumni chapter.

**Are there specific spots in sororities and fraternities reserved for transfer students?**

No, transfer students participate in the recruitment process with all other upper-division students.

## SORORITY RECRUITMENT

**Are all potential new members guaranteed a bid?**

Yes, as long as the potential new member has fully participated in the recruitment process and maximized their options at the end of the preference round.

**What is the normal size of a pledge class?**

Pledge class sizes are dependent on the number of women left in the process when it is time to extend bids.

**What are some of the activities that will go on between 1/9 - 1/18 for Panhellenic Recruitment?**

The rounds are conversation based where potential new members will meet a variety of sorority members and hear about each organization's initiatives. Potential new members will have the opportunity to meet with each sorority once and the remaining rounds are by invitation only. The process utilizes mutual selection to generate visits for the remaining rounds.

**If a student is unable to participate in Panhellenic Preview Day, is there an alternative event they can attend?**

There are no alternative events, but there are also no consequences for not engaging in this activity. It is just a practice round. A student could set up a coffee chat. These are one-on-one meetings between active members of organizations and a potential new member.

## FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

**What percentage of fraternities already have their entire pledge class chosen, and how many will be extending bids in January?**

The IFC recruitment process is informal, so it is difficult for the Office of Greek Life to answer this question at any given time. The fraternities do not have to share their lists of pledges at specific times as they bid out their pledge classes.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

**What are the sexual assault statistics at Vanderbilt, and are the accounts mostly occurring at Greek houses/events?**

Vanderbilt houses daily crime data and annual reports on the Public Safety website found here:

<https://publicsafety.vanderbilt.edu/>

These events do **not** mostly occur at Greek houses/events.

**What does Vanderbilt do to help prevent hazing?**

Information regarding hazing prevention at Vanderbilt can be found here:

<https://www.vanderbilt.edu/studentaffairs/hazing-prevention/>