Greek Life

**The Numbers**

- 30% of the student body are affiliated with Greek organizations (over 4,400 students)
- 30 social fraternities and 16 social sororities (IFC/ISC)
- 2 fraternities and 5 sororities in the Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)
- 4 fraternities and 4 sororities in the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)

**Deferred Recruitment**

Recruitment for Greek organizations at UVA operates on a “deferred rush” system, meaning that First Year students can only go through the formal recruitment process at the beginning of second semester. This means that students are afforded the opportunity to get involved and immersed in student life outside of the Greek system during the Fall semester. This better helps students understand the Greek system and also affords them time to figure out if they are interested in rushing and/or joining.

**General Information**

The Greek system at UVA provides students with many different opportunities as a social outlet, a way to perform community service and philanthropies, and a way to meet new people from a variety of backgrounds. From 2013-2014, philanthropies and community service organized by Greek organizations raised over $400,000 and 56,000 hours of community service, and have allowed for students to give back a great deal to the Charlottesville community, the University community, and to various organizations across the country. In terms of serving as a social outlet, many members of Greek organizations form close bonds and friendships with members of their organization as well as with members of other Greek organizations through social events. In general, the major governing bodies of the Greek system are the Inter Fraternity Council and Inter Sorority Councils for the traditional, social fraternities, the Multicultural Greek Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council. These Councils are tasked with overseeing the functions and with governing the Greek organizations through establishing rules and standards for conduct and for recruitment and address problems or circumstances that may arise.