

IFC Expansion Policy

Section 1: Open Expansion

- I. Northern Arizona University (NAU) maintains an open expansion policy and supports the expansion philosophy outlined by the National Interfraternity Conference (NIC).
 - a. It shall be the policy of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) of Northern Arizona University to encourage and support, in every way, the formation of strong new organizations so that all men who desire group association may be freely able to secure those wishes.
 - b. No NIC member organization will be ultimately denied association at NAU.
 - i. Policies have been established to ensure the success of each expansion effort and the sustainable growth of the IFC community as a whole.
 - ii. With the aim of a successful and sustainable partnership between NAU and national fraternal organizations, all fraternities recognized by NAU must become established in full collaboration between NAU and the national organization.

Section 2: Statement of Interest

- I. All national fraternal organizations interested in expansion at Northern Arizona University shall contact the Assistant Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life to express desired interest in establishing a partnership.
 - a. Organizations must provide the materials identified in Section 3 to be considered for expansion.

Section 3: Required Materials for Expansion Proposal

- I. Organizations that are interested in expanding to NAU are required to provide the following materials to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life to be considered for an invitation to present on campus:
 - a. Letter of intent
 - b. General information about the Fraternity
 - i. History
 - ii. Membership, chapter, colony, and interest group data
 - iii. Statistical information addressing organizational strength
 - c. Expansion plan
 - i. Expansion process
 - ii. Colonization requirements
 - iii. Chartering requirements
 - iv. Anticipated timelines
 - d. Alumni Information
 - i. Data addressing alumni and/or potential volunteers in area
 - ii. Chapter/Colony advising structure
 - e. National Organizations Policies and/or Programs on the following:
 - i. Hazing
 - ii. Sexual Assault
 - iii. Alcohol and Substance Abuse
 - iv. Scholarship Standards

- v. Membership Education
- vi. Recruitment
- vii. Leadership Development and Officer Training
- f. National Constitution/Bylaws
- g. If chapter is reestablishing after disciplinary action from NAU:
 - i. Reason the organization received disciplinary action and when
 - ii. Action plan on how to avoid future discipline
- II. Organizations that present a statement of interest and an adequate expansion proposal will then be considered for a visit to present at NAU's Flagstaff campus.
 - a. Details regarding this visit will be coordinated through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

Section 4: Campus Visit

- I. While visiting campus, organizations are required to meet with the following bodies:
 - a. Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - b. Interfraternity Council
- II. Organizations that are interested in expanding to NAU are required to address the following in any on-campus presentation:
 - a. National organization information
 - i. Number of chapters
 - ii. Number of chapters in region
 - iii. Number of colonized chapters in recent years
 - iv. Number of closures in recent years
 - v. Total number of initiates
 - vi. Average size of chapters on campuses similar to NAU
 - vii. National partnerships (philanthropic, etc.)
 - b. If applicable, past history as a partner with NAU
 - i. Past charters granted, etc.
 - ii. Details related to chapter closure
 - c. Process overview
 - i. Expansion process overview
 - 1. Staff present
 - 2. Timeline of dates
 - 3. Resources/support provided to interest group
 - ii. Colonization process overview
 - 1. Requirements for colonization
 - 2. Resources/support provided to colony
 - 3. Staff visit timeline
 - iii. Chartering process overview
 - 1. Requirements for chartering
 - 2. Expected timeline
 - 3. Resources/support provided to chartering chapter
 - 4. Staff visit timeline
 - d. Alumni information in the city, region, and state

- i. Requirements for colony/chapter advising structure
 - ii. Alumni and/or advisors identified
- III. Organizations that provide adequate presentations to the required bodies will then be considered for an invitation for expansion efforts at NAU.

Section 5: Invitation for Expansion

- I. Before an invitation for expansion is extended, the interested organization, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the IFC President will determine when an acceptable time will be for the organization to expand.
 - a. This decision will be based on current campus climate and any other national fraternal organizations that have already been extended an invitation for future expansion and slated in NAU's expansion timeline.
- II. Based on the designated time, an invitation to expand at NAU will be extended for a specific academic year and semester.
 - a. Invitations for expansions will be extended only for the spring semester, not to exceed one expansion per calendar year.

Section 6: Expansion Efforts

- I. After an invitation to join campus is extended to a national organization, they may not begin any formal expansion efforts prior to their indicated semester of invitation.
 - a. Specific dates will be finalized through the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
- II. Expanding organizations may not extend bids or invitations for membership prior to the completion of the IFC Recruitment Week.

Section 7: IFC Membership

- I. After an expansion effort is conducted, an interest group shall be recognized as an IFC member only if it is formally recognized as a colony by a national fraternity.
 - a. Colonies will not be granted voting privileges within the IFC until written documentation has been provided to the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, stating that the organization has been officially colonized by the national organization.
- II. All colonies will be held to the standards of membership as outlined in the IFC Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 8: Locally-Organized Interest Groups

- I. A locally-organized, student interest group may seek to establish a fraternity, and thus be considered for the expansion process, only under the following conditions:
 - a. Any student wishing to start a new fraternity at NAU must first contact the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
 - i. Students are asked to contact Fraternity and Sorority Life prior to contacting organizations so that they can better understand expansion procedures and the work this can entail.
 - b. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life assists students with contacting the national organization about the possibility of expansion and explains the expansion procedures.

- i. Only national fraternal organizations may be considered for expansion in NAU's fraternity community.
 - c. The national organization submits all required materials to Fraternity and Sorority Life, following the above expansion policies in Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5.
 - i. Expansion efforts to establish a colony via a locally-organized, student interest group will only be recognized by NAU when under the complete approval and direction of the national organization.
 - ii. Student interest groups will not be recognized as legitimate expansion prospects until approval and recognition is granted by a national organization.
 - d. Based upon the relative demand of the student interest group, considerations for recognizing the interest group, and addressing a national organization's formal expansion efforts, will be made on a case-by-case basis.
 - i. Any possible adjustments to, or deviations from, the IFC expansion timeline may only be considered by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
 - 1. This decision is contingent upon the following:
 - a. Number of organizations already invited and slated for future expansion efforts.
 - b. Number of members that comprise the student interest group in question.
 - c. If the intended national organization is already slated for a future expansion at NAU.
 - ii. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Expansion efforts occurring outside of the permitted expansion timeline
 - 2. Expansion efforts operating co-currently as another expansion effort