Armstrong State Greek Community Standards

Armstrong State University holds the Greek community responsible for making a positive contribution to the university. In doing so, organizations should:

A. Promote conduct consistent with good morals and good taste;
B. Create an atmosphere that will stimulate intellectual and emotional progress;
C. Actively be an integral part of university life through service.

Membership in all National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) Greek letter organizations is open to all regularly enrolled students at Armstrong State University who meet the academic requirements of the organization. No person, due to race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability and age shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination with respect to membership in a social Greek letter organization or in any program or activity sponsored by the organizations.

Administration

The overall administration of the University's Greek community is the responsibility of the Vice President for Student Affairs delegated to the Office of Student Life.

I. Relationship Statement

The relationship between Armstrong and the Greek community is one of mutual respect, cooperation, understanding and trust. The university and Greek membership have responsibilities and expectations to strengthen and develop the community.

The University will support the Greek community by:

A. Providing staff, training, programming and advisement necessary for development
B. Advocating for the Greek community and serve as a liaison between internal and external constituencies
C. Promoting opportunities for participation in academic, athletic, social, service, and other group events
D. Allowing for university privileges such as access to campus facilities, equipment, and services (mass marketing, catering, copying, and technology) and the usage of the Armstrong State University name and logo according to university policy
E. Continuing its commitment to foster the Greek system
The Greek organizations are expected to:

F. Maintain a strong scholastic emphasis
G. Comply with federal, state, and local laws - with special emphasis on those regarding underage drinking, hazing, and public and fire safety-and to cooperate fully with the University and Savannah-Chatham police
H. Respect the rights of the campus community and neighborhood
I. Comply with the code of conduct and any policies or expectations that govern the university, Greek system and each individual organization
J. Practice risk management to minimize liability to people and property and maintain accountability for actions of the chapter
K. Support Greek and campus programming by attendance, participation and good will
L. Ensure sound new member and initiation practices
M. Participate in philanthropic activities
N. Maintain an active relationship with an advisory person such as a campus or alumni advisor or board
O. Submit requested and/or required paperwork or documentation in a timely manner

Based on these expectations, organizations that do not demonstrate a commitment to these obligations may jeopardize their recognition status.

The relationship between Armstrong and the Greek system requires honest communication bound by a spirit of good will. Together the university and the Greek community must demonstrate their responsibilities to:
· Provide and model positive leadership
· Educate through development opportunities
· Build and maintain positive relationships

II. Organizational Conduct

A. All organizations are responsible for acting in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and all other applicable regulations.
B. The university may take action when the behavior of the members of the organization allegedly violates these policies. Both individual and group disciplinary action may be pursued for the same behavior/incident.
C. Student organizations may be held responsible for the acts of individual members when acting either individually or on behalf of the organization. These acts may include, but are not limited to, the following:
   1. Violation of policies and other members present
   2. Failure to discourage or condoning of violations
The organization will be expected to take disciplinary action against those members who violate the rules and expectations of their organization, the university, and the community.

D. Conduct violations may be adjudicated by the Vice President for Student Affairs or by his/her designated individual or committee.

E. Sanctions may be imposed on those organizations or individuals who are found to have violated university policy through warnings, probation, educational programs or requirements, restitution, community service, loss of privileges, deactivation, or revoking of charter.

F. All fraternities and sororities must maintain a minimum of $1,000,000 liability insurance policy.

IV. Hazing Policy

Armstrong deplores hazing and any other inappropriate and dangerous behavior or related activities and prohibits this type of practice. If a chapter/provisional group is found in violation of the standards of the University, disciplinary sanctions will be implemented.

All rites, ceremonies, practices or orientation into university life or into the life or membership of any university group or organization should be of an educational, historical, functional, and inspirational nature consistent with the accepted principles of higher education at Armstrong State University.

Any rites of induction, practices, ceremonies, or behaviors which require or allow mental or physical suffering are prohibited. Specifically, hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, on or off campus, which could be reasonably expected to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule, violation of University rules and regulations, violation of the laws or policies of the parent organization, and/or violation of any local, state, or national laws.

All rules and regulations of Armstrong State University as well as local, state and national laws shall supersede policies of national or local organizations. All assessments as to the appropriateness of an action will be considered within the context of the standards of the total university community.

Activities considered to be hazing shall include one or both of the following elements: (1) coercion, either overt or covert, and (2) production of physical or mental discomfort in either the participants or the spectators. Such activities suggested by a group or a member of a group to new or trial members will be considered covert coercion, even if
the activity is said to be voluntary.

**Sexual Abuse and Harassment Policy**

The organization will not tolerate or condone any form of sexist or sexually abusive behavior on the part of its members, whether physical, mental or emotional. This is to include any actions, which are demeaning to women or men, including but not limited to date rape, gang rape or verbal harassment.

Armstrong State University Harassment Policy:
[http://www.armstrong.edu/Departments/office_student_affairs/student_affairs_harassment_policy](http://www.armstrong.edu/Departments/office_student_affairs/student_affairs_harassment_policy)