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SAU GREEK LIFE STANDARDS PROGRAM

2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR



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The Greek Life community at Southern Arkansas University has had a long and rich history, dating back to 1970. Since that time, fraternities and sororities have had a continued and active presence on campus. The University is supportive of the goals and ideals of the fraternity and sorority community, which complements the University's mission of educating "students for productive and fulfilling lives in a global environment by providing opportunities for intellectual growth, individual enrichment, skill development, and meaningful career preparation."

The STAR program at SAU aims to challenge the Greek community and its membership to live up to our mission and values upon which our respective organizations were founded. Knowing that individual member's and chapter's actions reflect on all Greeks at SAU and nationwide, our Greek community can only be as strong as its weakest link. The STAR program will challenge all SAU Greeks to have integrity – steadfast adherence to the oaths we took as we make lifelong commitments to our respective organizations.

By providing a set of standards that reflect these common principles, The STAR program will provide Greeks at SAU a level of accountability, with an opportunity to seek recognition. In the end, the goal of STAR is simple: As members of fraternities and sororities, we should be better for our affiliation, the campus improved for our involvement and the greater community enhanced for our contribution.

The STAR Program serves to assist the University Greek community in general and each chapter in particular in functioning at the most effective and efficient levels possible. The program also intends to help provide for the best possible experience for individual members.

The STAR program serves to assess chapters on the minimum standards they should be meeting to be viable and successful members of the University Greek community and of their (inter)national organizations. In doing so, the Office of Campus Activities and Greek Life can more accurately target and provide assistance to individual chapters in the specific areas in which they may have fallen short of the recognition standards. Any chapter that DOES NOT meet the standards is reviewed by our office and we will recommend interventions for success. After one calendar year of not meeting standards, a chapter's University accreditation may be under review for potential revocation.

In addition, the University understands that Greek achievements and excellent chapters often go unnoticed; therefore, the STAR program serves as a toll to publicly recognize high performing chapters.



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Program Levels

5 STAR Level:	90% or more of total points accumulated
4 STAR Level:	80-89% of total points accumulated
3 STAR Level:	70-79% of total points accumulated
2 STAR Level:	60-69% of total points accumulated
1 STAR Level:	59% or less of total points accumulated

Chapter Accreditation

Chapters must earn a minimum of 70% of total possible points per semester, in addition to 70% of the total possible points for the entire academic year, to guarantee chapter accreditation (at least 3 STAR Level).

5 STAR Level:	Full Accreditation with Honor Recognition
4 STAR Level:	Full Accreditation with Recognition
3 STAR Level:	Full Accreditation
2 STAR Level:	Probationary Accreditation – recommendations for improvement & success interventions
1 STAR Level:	No Accreditation – mandatory success interventions

Chapter Recognition and Awards

Chapters will earn awards based on their performance in each category. Chapters earning 90% of total possible points (5 STAR Level) for both semesters of each academic year will be eligible for a **Supreme STAR Award**. Chapters earning 80% of total possible points (4 STAR Level) for both semesters of each academic year will be eligible for a **STAR Award**.



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**“Every success is built on the ability to do better than good enough.”
-Anonymous**

STAR Success Categories:

Scholarship – 100 point total

- Chapter Semester GPA – 50 points
- Chapter Academic Success Plan – 50 points (25 points per semester)

Service – 100 point total

- Chapter Community service hours – 35 points
- Chapter donations and philanthropy – 35 points
- Chapter sponsors or co-sponsors at least one service or philanthropic event annually that results in donation of time or money to a philanthropic organization of the chapter's choosing – 15 points
- Chapter participates in at least one service or philanthropic event sponsored by other chapter, student group, or non-profit organization per semester – 15 points

Organization Involvement & Leadership Development – 100 point total

- Campus Involvement – 40 points
- Leadership Development – 15 points
- Awards/Recognition – 15 points
- Officer positions in organizations outside of Greek Life – 10 points
- Athletics Support – 10 points
- University Events – 10 points

Organizational Management & Member Development – 100 point total

- Educational Programs – 50 points
- Collaboration – 25 points
- Support – 10 points
- Risk Management Educational Programs – 15 points



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New Member Program – 100 point total

- New member GPA per semester – 50 points (25 points each semester)
- New member campus involvement – 10 points
- New members remain in chapter from bid day/intake - initiation - 15 points
- New members remain in chapter two semesters after joining - 15 points
- New membership class of at least 3 members - 10 points



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Scholarship (100 Points)

Standard – Each chapter must earn a GPA of at least a 2.9 cumulative average per semester in order to be at par. For chapters achieving above the required 2.9, points will be awarded per the below chart.

1. **Chapter Semester GPA** in comparison to All Men’s/Women’s Semester GPA.

<u>Scale</u>	
.30 Above or Higher	45
.25 Above	40
.20 Above	35
.15 Above	30
.05 Above	25
At par	20
.05 Below	15
.10 Below	10
.15 Below	05
.20 Below or lower	0

2. **Chapter Academic Success Plan** (simply outlines the chapter’s goal for their total chapter GPA as well as their expectations for each individual member’s GPA per semester and cumulative. It notifies every one of the incentives for members to strive for academic excellence as well as informs them of the consequences of not reaching the expectations of the fraternity or sorority. A list of members who are currently being provided academic assistance per GPA requirements. Resources to help members reach their full potential in the classroom are highlighted as well. Must be submitted within the first 15 business days of each semester.
3. **BONUS POINT OPPORTUNITY (Up to 5 points per semester):** Chapters who have a certain percentage of members earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher will receive BONUS POINTS as follows:

Possible 5 Points Per Semester	
30% of chapter	5
20% of chapter	3
10% of chapter	1



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Service (100 Points)

- 1. Each chapter member should raise/donate at least \$20- \$10/semester (35 points, form required).**

<u>Scale</u>	
100% of chapter members raised \$20/person	35
90%	30
80%	25
70%	20
60%	15
50%	10
40%	5
30% and Below	0

- 2. Each chapter member should complete a minimum of 20 hours of service-10/semester (35 points, form required).**

<u>Scale</u>	
90% of chapter members serve 20/person	35
85%	30
80%	25
75%	20
70%	15
65%	10
60%	5
55% and Below	0

- 3. Chapter sponsors or co-sponsors at least one service or philanthropic event annually that results in donation of time or money to a philanthropic organization of the chapter's choosing (15 points) *Event: Anything involving hands on service work. i.e. joint service projects do not count such as highway clean-up and canned food drives – *If questions on what an event is, please ask the Greek Life office.***

*Submit a letterhead, flyer, and/or pictures taken at the event.

4. Chapter participates in at least one service or philanthropic event sponsored by another chapter, student group, or non-profit organization per semester & has at least 50% of chapter in attendance (15 points).

*Submit a letterhead, flyer, and/or pictures taken at the event.

*Note: At least 50% of the chapter must be in attendance for the service/philanthropic events and must submit a letterhead and picture

GREEK WEEK COMMUNITY SERVICE DOES NOT COUNT



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Organization Involvement & Leadership Development (100 Points)

Standard – Each chapter will be more active on campus and work with and/or within other non-Greek student organizations.

Organization Involvement (40 Points) (Form Required)

<u>Scale</u>	
80% of chapter members involved	40
70%	35
60%	30
50%	25
40%	20
30%	15
10% and below	0

Leadership Development (15 points) (Form Required)

- A. Regional and national Leadership Conferences (5 pts)
 - a. Submit registration, agenda, and pictures as proof
- B. Chapter executive board officer retreats (5 pts each semester)
 - a. Retreat = Meeting conducted to discuss past, present, and future goals of the chapter; discussing and creating a plan of action
 - i. Submit official agenda and pictures as proof

Awards/Recognition (15 points) (Form Required)

- A. Positive publicity article or news story about your chapter in local newspapers or TV stations (5 pts).
 - a. Submit copy of publicity as proof
- B. Awards received from the university, the community, your national headquarters, companies and/or organizations (excluding Pantheon awards). (5 pts)
 - a. Submit picture of award as proof

Officer position in organizations outside of Greek Life

- A. 10 points will be rewarded to chapters that have 10% of the members of your chapter hold an officer position in non-Greek student organizations. Ex: SAB, RHA, SGA, etc.

Athletics (10 points)

- A. Chapter (at least 40%) attends 4 of the university's sporting events (2 each semester). Tailgating is not included. Chapter must provide evidence of attendance. (Must submit a picture while inside the game with game and scoreboard in the background)

University Events (10 points)

- A. Chapter (at least 40%) attends and/or participates in 3 of the university's events/functions that is hosted by a university department. Ex. Tradition: Celebration of Lights, Family Day, Homecoming Event, Casino Night, Big Money Bingo. (Must submit either a chapter picture at event or service sheet from the university department)



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Organizational Management & Member Development (100 Points)

Standard- Each chapter provides educational programs to chapter members and/or student body throughout the year on various educational topics.

A. Educational Programs (50 Points)

- a. Chapters can earn a total of 50 points maximum. Chapters will earn 10 points for each programs presented by a professional and 5 points for each program presented by a member of their organization. 50% of the chapter must be present as the hosted program – either hosted by the chapter itself or by another organization. Chapters cannot earn more than 10 points per category.

- i. Academic/Scholarship
- ii. Health & Wellness
- iii. Career Development
- iv. Diversity
- v. Financial Management
- vi. Leadership
- vii. Other

*Bonus: An additional 5 points will be added if all programs are by professionals.

*Submit information using the Educational Programming form found in forms section.

*Non-Professional/Chapter member lead educations must provide a copy of the powerpoint presented/program information, as well as pictures taken throughout the presentation with the time.

B. Collaboration (25 points)

- a. Chapter co-sponsors/collaborates with:
 - i. 1 Greek organization within your council (1 total)
 - ii. 1 with an organization from each of the other councils (2 total)
 - iii. 2 non-Greek registered student organization (2 total)
- b. Collaborative events include educational programming, philanthropic fundraisers, and community service projects. Collaborations must have at least 50% of members from each collaborating organization in attendance and must submit proof.

C. Support (10 Points)

- a. Chapter (at least 50%) supports an organization in your council, and one from another council. 5 points will be awarded for each letter that is provided on formal letterhead from the organization that was supported.

D. Risk Management Educational Programs (15 points)

- a. 15 points will be rewarded to chapters that provide 1 educational program for their members or the student body once a year on current risk management topics.
 - i. Submit information on educational programs/presentations that chapter has coordinated, co-sponsored or attended. Include any education provided in the following areas:
 - 1. Mental & Physical Health
 - 2. Sexual Assault & Healthy Relationships
 - 3. Alcohol & Illegal Drugs
 - 4. Fire Safety
 - 5. Anti-Hazing & Changing the Culture
 - 6. Eating Disorders, Body Image & Healthy Eating
 - 7. Current Legal Issues
 - 8. Other Current Risk Issues
 - ii. Report this information using the Educational Program/Event Form found in the forms section.
 - iii. Risk Management educational programs are different than regular educational programs and will not count towards educational program points.



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New Member Program (100 Points)

Standard – Each chapter will implement a balanced and informative program that prepares new members for a full and rewarding membership in their organization and education.

- A. 50 points will be rewarded for New Member GPA as follows:
 - a. Each chapter’s new member class should strive to earn a class semester average GPA of at least 2.5 or higher during their intake semester
 - b. This is solely based on what is required of them per the University to join a Greek organization. Each chapter may have their own individual requirements per their preference.

<u>Scale</u>	
At 2.5 during intake semester	50
.05 below	40
.10 below	30
.15 below	20
.20 below	10
.25 below or lower	0

- B. Each new member class will be monitored to verify they are still active members of the chapter. 30 points will be awarded to those with 80% of each semester’s new member class should maintain membership as follows:
 - a. Bid Day/Intake to Initiation – 15 points
 - b. Initiation - 2 semesters after - 15 points
 - c. Points will be awarded based on your organizational roster
- C. 10 points will be rewarded to chapters that have new members classes of at least 3 members
 - a. Chapters will receive points for at least having 3 people join their fraternity or sorority during recruitment or membership intake. CPC and IFC organizations should meet this qualification each semester. NPHC orgnaizations should meet this qualification annually.
- D. 10 points will be awarded for 70% of the chapter’s new member class being involved in outside organizations.



SAU Greek Life Educational Programming Form

Information on educational programming will be collected annually and compiled near the end of each year in an effort to show the significant impact that SAU fraternities and sororities have on the development of their members. By collecting this data, Greek Life is able to track the number of and types of programs that individual chapters and the fraternal community as a whole are providing.

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SAU Greek Life Standards Program

Chapter Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Program Information

Check all that apply

Audience: Members Only SAU Students Community

Type of Program: Leadership Development Multicultural/Diversity
 Scholarship/Academics Sexual Assault/Safety
 Health & Wellness Financial Management
 Risk Management/Hazing/Alcohol Education
 Professional/Career Development
 Other

Is this program required by your national office? Yes No

Number Attending: _____ Program Date: _____

Program Name: _____

Program Description: _____

Presenter: _____ Program Location: _____

VERIFICATION

Please have the program presenter sign this form and include contact information for verification.

Chapter President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Presenter/Facilitator: _____

Presenter Email/Phone: _____

Then return this completed form within **TEN business days** after the completion of the program to:
Office of Student Activities- Greek Life
Reynolds Center 201 Phone: 870-235-4925
MSC 9146 Fax: 870-235- 5265
Magnolia, AR 71753

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SAU Greek Life Community Service

Information on service will be collected on a rolling basis, and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact that SAU fraternities and sororities have on both the local and national community. By collecting this data, the Greek Life office is able to track the total amount of hands-on service that individual chapters and the fraternal community as a whole are providing. All community service is subject to approval by Greek Life staff.

Chapter Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Project Information & Description

Title of Event: _____ Location of Event: _____

Benefiting Organization: _____ Dates of Event: _____

Description of Event: _____

Is this project being completed as a part of a judicial sanction? Yes No

Is this project being completed as a part of another organization's philanthropic/service event? Yes No

If yes, which organization(s) is sponsoring the project? _____

Project Verification

Chapter President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Facility Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Facility Contact Information: _____

*** MUST PROVIDE LETTER FROM FACILITY ON LETTERHEAD, OR HAVE REP. SIGN ABOVE WITH CONTACT INFORMATION. SERVICE MUST BE COMPLETED WITH AN AGENCY OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION***

Then return this completed form within TEN business days after the completion of the project to:

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SAU Greek Life Philanthropy/Donations

Information on philanthropy and donations given and received will be collected on a rolling basis, and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact of involvement that SAU fraternities and sororities have on campus, as well as in the community. By collecting this data, the Greek Life office is able to track the total amount of money and goods Greek Life students give back.

Chapter Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Project Information & Description

Title of Event: _____ Location of Event: _____

Benefiting Organization: _____ Dates of Event: _____

Description of Event: _____

Philanthropy/Donation Information

Money – Sponsoring organization gets full credit for all money **donated** (money raised minus expenses) to the philanthropic cause. Organizations making financial donations to another group’s philanthropy do NOT get credit.

Total Amount of Money **Raised** on behalf of benefiting organization: _____

Total Amount of Money **Spent** by chapter to put on project (PR, Facilities, etc.): _____

CHAPTER’S TOTAL MONETARY DONATION: _____

Material Goods – Sponsoring organization gets full credit for all material goods **donated** to the philanthropic cause. Organizations making material donations to another organization’s philanthropy do NOT get credit.

Clothing Item Worth for Donations – Itemized list from chapter and/or donation center must accompany this form. Photos may also be used if itemized list is not available.

Shoes = \$5 a pair, T-Shirt = \$0.50 each, Dress Shirt = \$1, Pants/Skirts = \$2 each, Suits = \$10, Sweaters = \$5, Jackets = \$7, Specialty Items like Prom Dresses & etc. = prices will be determined by Greek Life Staff

CHAPTER’S TOTAL MATERIAL GOODS DONATION: _____

Project Verification

Chapter President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Advisor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Fraternity/Sorority: _____



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SAU Greek Life Organization Involvement

Information on organizational involvement will be collected on a rolling basis and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact that SAU fraternities and sororities have on the SAU campus.

By collecting this data, Greek Life is able to track the total amount of students that are involved in other organizations around campus. The compiled information will then be used to project the accurate portrayal of the wide variety of student organizations in which the SAU chapters are engaged.

Organization Information

Student Organization Name: _____

I, _____, hereby confirm that, _____, is actively
(Org. President) (Org. Member)
involved in the above listed organization.

This member, ___ does/___ does not hold an officer position.

If an officer position is held, please check the appropriate position below.

- _____ **President**
- _____ **Vice President**
- _____ **Secretary**
- _____ **Treasurer**
- _____ **Historian**
- _____ **Other:** _____

Verification

Organization President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Organization Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SAU Greek Life Athletic/University Event Form

Information on leadership development will be collected on a rolling basis, and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact of involvement that SAU fraternities and sororities have on campus. This information will portray how Greek Life engages with different departments of the SAU community.

Chapter Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Event Information

Check all that apply

Type of Event: Athletic Event
 University Event

Number Attending: _____ Event Date: _____

Event Name: _____

Event Description: _____

University Department: _____ Event Location: _____

Verification

Please attach a picture as proof of attendance

Chapter President Signature: _____ Date: _____

Athletic events must have a chapter picture while inside the game with the game and scoreboard in the background

Then return this completed form within TEN business days after completion to:

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SAU Greek Life Leadership Development

Information on leadership development will be collected on a rolling basis, and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact of involvement that SAU fraternities and sororities have on campus. This information will portray how Greek Life goes above and beyond in their own chapter both regionally and nationally.

Organization Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____

Our Chapter Attended: Regional or National Leadership Conference
 Fall/Spring Chapter Executive Board Officer Retreat

Location of Event: _____ **Event Date:** _____

Names of members who attended: _____

Verification

Please attach a picture as proof of attendance

Chapter President Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Chapter Advisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF A PROGRAM, PICTURE, ETC. AS PROOF OF ATTENDING THESE EVENTS

Then return this completed form within TEN business days after completion to:

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SAU Greek Life Awards/Recognition

Information on awards and recognition will be collected on a rolling basis, and compiled at the end of each semester in an effort to show the significant impact of recognition that SAU fraternities and sororities are receiving on campus. This information will portray how Greek Life goes above and beyond in their own chapter both regionally and nationally.

Organization Information

Fraternity/Sorority Name: _____

Our Chapter Received: Positive Publicity (Newspaper/TV)
 Awards (From University, the community, headquarters, etc.)

Location of Event Recognized: _____ **Event Date:** _____

Name of Award: _____

Name of Newspaper that article was published: _____

Verification

Please attach a picture as proof of attendance

Chapter President Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Chapter Advisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE AWARD/ARTICLE AS PROOF OF RECOGNITION

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