

# Why Should I Join?

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Ferris State University offers a variety of activities and opportunities, and we want you to consider making GREEK LIFE part of your college experience. Being a member of a Greek organization is one of the most rewarding choices you will ever make. You will find high ideals, lifelong friends, and most of all, a home away from home with Phi Sigma Kappa.

We Phi Sigs at Ferris State University have done our research! Here is what we found. The most recent report from the University of California, Los Angeles indicates that today's incoming students are looking for four things in their college experience: success, lifelong friends, personal development, and fun. We believe that fraternities and sororities provide students with what they're looking for and more! So, the question is:

WHY WOULDN'T YOU JOIN?

## **Success**

Did you know:

- 72.9% of students are attending college to get a good job
- 61.9% want to become an authority in their field
- 74.7% are attending college so they can make more money
- 68.3% want training in their specific career of choice

Phi Sigs value their college education and reward those who excel academically. We want you to achieve academic success and build a strong, well-rounded resume. Your experience as a Phi Sig will provide you with leadership skills and campus involvement that will rival that of your peers. Phi Sig leaders learn skills that are transferable to any work place, and often have the opportunity to travel and hold positions at a national level. As an involved student, you will form relationships with advisors, faculty, and staff who will be great references for you, help you find internships, and introduce you to people who may hire you after graduation.

## **Lifelong Friends**

Did you know:

- 77.2% of incoming students spend more than six hours per week socializing with friends
- 82.7% reported studying with a group of people

Being a Phi Sig gives you the opportunity to make new friends who you will know long after graduation. The men you meet today will be at your wedding, providing you guidance when you are struggling, and accompany you to FSU alumni reunions. The bond you share with your Phi Sig brothers is like no other relationship you will have in your life. By seizing the opportunity to become a member of our fraternity, you will share common experiences, challenge your thoughts and beliefs, and learn from others, thus creating the basis for lifelong friendships. Greek organizations have a foundation of values and standards known as the RITUAL. Through ritual, you will learn the basic concepts of friendship and values that bring you closer to your brothers.

## **Personal Development**

Did you know:

- 74.8% of incoming students reported doing volunteer work in the past year
- 73.2% are attending college to learn more about personal interests
- 64% socialized with someone of another racial/ethnic group
- More than 50% want to help others who are less privileged
- 69% rated themselves above average in drive to achieve

Phi Sigma Kappa has leadership positions, financial responsibilities, and policies and procedures to follow, much like most organizations and companies. There is an executive board of officers and many leadership positions within each chapter. When you are a Phi Sig, the chance to lead is not only available, it is expected. Our chapters are governed by national organizations that hold leadership training and development at the chapter, campus, regional, and national level. You will learn how to plan events, work with people, hold others accountable, confront inappropriate actions, build relationships, and give encouragement. Not only is our chapter diverse in nature, we are sensitive to and educate upon diversity issues in our chapter, on campus, and in the Big Rapids area.

Lastly, Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity takes seriously our responsibility to give back to our community. Whether this is by donating our time, working with others, or raising money for a worthy cause, we as Phi Sigs dedicate ourselves to helping others.

## **Fun**

Did you know:

- 60% of students report spending six or more hours/week exercising
- Stress levels have continuously risen in the past decade to about 30% of students reporting they feel frequently overwhelmed
- The number of students who drink frequently has dropped by 33% over the past two decades
- The number of freshman that report partying 6 or more hours a week has decreased by 30%

Our chapter has exciting opportunities for social development. All the chapters at FSU participate in intramural sports, ranging from football to basketball, and we attend as many Bulldog athletic events as we can. We also participate in a number of campus events like homecoming, new student orientation, and other events sponsored by various campus departments and organizations. As a Phi Sig, you will have the unique opportunity to attend organized social functions ranging from dances to formals, as well as the chance to participate in even more unplanned social events, such as movie nights and dinner exchanges. We take trips to other colleges and universities; we also attend leadership conferences. During these trips, you will get to see new places, learn great professional and leadership skills, and meet brothers from other schools!