Do fraternities and sororities exist at Duke anymore?
Yes! Duke recognizes a number of organizations within three other governing councils: the Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Interfraternity Council. The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) is home to a number of both fraternities and sororities whose mission advance the voices of the AAPI, Latinx, and Native communities – at Duke and beyond. The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) – often referred to as the Divine Nine - is the governing body for our fraternities and sororities that were founded to advocate for the Black community. And the Interfraternity Council (IFC) is the governing body for some all-men’s organizations and 1 co-ed fraternity, all who provide opportunities for students to create bonds through social, academic, and personal growth.

How does the disaffiliation of my organization affect access to University resources & space?
Duke will always remain steadfast in support of your educational pursuits, wellness, and individual rights & responsibilities as an individual student, but disaffiliation of your organization removes the chapter’s access to the resources afforded to recognized student organizations. The organization will no longer have access to room reservations, organization-specific trainings, space on campus, staff support and organizational advising, use of university name or image, university funds, among others.

Can our disaffiliated organization still request trainings for our members through the University?
Individual students will always be welcome to register and attend trainings that Duke entities host, and we would continue to encourage you to seek opportunities to broaden your perspectives through participation in sessions hosted by Duke staff and faculty. However, your organization no longer has access to requesting specific trainings for your entire membership (e.g. – a sorority-specific gender-based violence training, or inclusion and diversity session just for your members), as that is a privilege restricted to recognized student organizations.

I am a potential member interested in joining a Durham Panhellenic chapter. Will I get in trouble through Duke if I join?
Affiliating with a Durham Panhellenic sorority is not a violation of university policy, though when making decisions about joining a fraternity or sorority, students should keep in mind the status of an organization with the University and its (inter)national headquarters. We also recommend considering an organization’s academic performance, past organizational conduct history, and ability to meet University/headquarters expectations. For historical semester data on these items for all our recognized chapters, please look to our Chapter Scorecards, found here. It is important to consider that since these chapters have no organizational relationship with Duke University, some of the support mechanisms that come from university resources are not present.
I am worried about activities and/or behaviors that I have witnessed or participated in that involve unaffiliated groups. What should I do?

The University takes any report of concerning behavior seriously. This includes mental health concerns, as well as allegations of hazing, gender-based violence, and hate/bias incidents. If you or someone you know is experiencing or has experienced activities that are concerning, please contact the University. There are a number of ways to report a concern, including:

- DukeReach: non-clinical support and resources for a student in need;
- Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards: to report a potential violation of University policy;
- Women’s Center: to talk to someone confidentially about gender violence-related concerns;
- Student Leadership: to talk to someone about a fraternity/sorority-related concern

We want to make sure all Duke students are safe, and in order to do that, we need your help. While we do accept anonymous inquiries, the more information you are willing and able to share, the quicker and more directly we are able to address any concern. Sharing names, organizations involved, dates/locations of incidents, etc. is all helpful in assisting us in keeping the Duke community safe.

How else can I find involvement and connection at Duke?

There are plenty of avenues through which to find meaningful involvement at Duke! If you are interested in joining a student organization, DukeGroups provides opportunities to explore events and clubs based on your interests or skills. If you’re seeking opportunities to deepen your leadership capacity, Student Leadership offers short and long term involvement to learn about yourself and others, including through our recognized fraternity/sorority community, Penny Pilgram George Women’s Leadership Initiative, and more. There are also countless ways to connect with Duke’s identity and cultural centers if you are seeking a community connected to a particular identity you hold. For assistance in finding your place at Duke, feel free to email leadership@duke.edu.