



University Life Division
Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs

Academic Records Release

Fraternity and sorority chapters at Penn, like Greek chapters on all other campuses nationwide, are monitored for academic achievement, and are in academic competition with each other and with all other college/university chapters of their respective organizations. The Office of Fraternity Sorority Affairs calculates the grade point averages of Penn students in the fraternity sorority system. In addition, many Penn chapters are asked by their national headquarters to submit individual members' grades, as these chapters have to meet minimum grade point averages for continued membership, and many have reward and incentive programs that consider individual grades as a program requirement.

All members of the fraternity sorority system sign an Academic Records Release at the time they sign their bid cards. The bid cards serve as an individual's acceptance of a formal invitation to join a fraternity or sorority chapter. The Academic Records Release allows OFSA to give an individual member's grades to the respective chapter leadership with the understanding that this information is kept confidential within the chapter, and is used for the purpose of assisting and supporting members in their pursuits of academic excellence at the University of Pennsylvania.

Those students who have concerns about this release may apply for special dispensation, although their grade average will still be computed into the overall chapter averages. To apply for this dispensation, please see the Director of Fraternity Sorority Affairs.