

## **Greek Vocabulary**

**Active** - an undergraduate student who has been initiated into lifelong membership of a Greek Organization

**AGLO** - The Association of Greek Letter Organizations is composed of the four Greek umbrella organizations; Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Association; it serves as the main programming and regulatory Greek body

**Alumna/alumnae** - A graduated member of a women's Greek Letter organization, plural is alumnae while alumnus is a graduated member of a men's Greek Letter organization, plural is alumni.

**Associate/New Member** -A person who has gone through the recruitment process and is in the process of becoming an initiated member of the organization.

**Badge** -A symbolic pin worn by initiated members of Greek organizations.

**Bid** -A formal invitation to become a member of a Greek Letter organization.

**Chapter** -The local campus group of an Inter/national Greek Letter organization.

**Colony** -A newly-organized sorority or fraternity working towards an official charter from their national organization.

**Continuous Open Recruiting ( COR )** - The process the Panhellenic Association uses to give bids outside of formal recruitment. They can only COR if they have spaces available after recruitment.

**Dry Recruitment** -Refers to the period before and during the recruitment process where the serving and/or presence of any alcoholic beverages at a recruitment event is considered illegal; all recruitment events at UM are dry.

**Dues** - Fees paid to a Greek organization for membership, they are often paid per semester.

**Formal Recruitment** - The major recruitment process employed by the Panhellenic Association; occurs at the beginning of the spring semester.

**Founders** - The founding members of a Greek Letter organization.

**Fraternity** -A term used for men's Greek organizations; several women's Greek organizations are identified as fraternities in the official names, while others are considered women's fraternities.

**Hazing** - The University of Miami has an absolute prohibition on hazing. The University's strict definition may be found in the Policies section of our website.

**IFC** - The Interfraternity Council at UM has thirteen member fraternities with seven elected officers and thirteen appointed coordinators to represent the fraternity community and work together to govern and strengthen it.

**Informal recruitment** - An open recruitment period where bids may be extended and accepted at any time. This practice differs between councils.

**Informational** - Opportunity for interested students to gather more information about MGC and NPHC fraternities and sororities.

**Initiation** - The formal ritual ceremony when an individual is accepted as a full member.

**Intake** - The process used by MGC and NPHC organizations to accept new members.

**Legacy** -When a parent, grandparent, or older sibling is in a Greek organization and you join the same one (it could be at different schools) this is called a legacy.

**Multicultural Greek Council (MGC)** -This council is composed of two fraternities and two sororities of various cultural heritages.

**New member period** -The time from Bid Day until initiation.

**National Panhellenic Conference (NPC)** -26 international sororities belong to this groups which guides policies, practices, and educational programs for collegiate sorority women.

**National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)** -Nationally, the governing body for the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities. On UM's campus, it is the governing body and mutual meeting body of our seven historically African-American fraternities and sororities.

**North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC)** - a large inter/national governing body for its 66 member fraternities. The NIC provides many educational programs and materials to members.

**Panhellenic Association (PH)**- Coordinating body for the eight National Panhellenic Conference sororities on campus.

**Panhellenic building** - Building that provides suites for meetings on campus for the Panhellenic Association, Multicultural Greek Council, and National Pan-Hellenic Council groups, as well as various Interfraternity Council groups.

**Philanthropy** - A cause for which a particular organization may raise money or volunteer time.

**Potential new member** -Someone who could potentially be a new member of a Greek organization.

**Recruitment** -The formal period during which Greek organizations are actively seeking new members. However, in many councils, it is ongoing.

**Rho Gamma** -Recruitment guide that helps women during the Panhellenic Association's formal recruitment.

**Ritual** -That which is revealed during initiation; the secret meaning that binds an organization.

**Sorority** -A Greek organization comprised solely of women.