As an officer of the fraternity and sorority community at UC Santa Barbara, it is your responsibility to help further the mission of not only the institution, but that of fraternity and sorority life as a whole through the Standards of Excellence (SOE) program. This serves as the annual recognition process for all social fraternities and sororities at UC Santa Barbara and centers on academic performance, community service, and educational programs.
EXPECTATIONS/REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH CHAPTER

New Members/Neos/Interest:

• **90% of new members** *(including neos/interest)* MUST attend the New Member Conference (NMC).
  
  o **Fall new members must:**
    ▪ Attend the NMC held during **fall** quarter and
    ▪ Complete at least 6 hours of community service per quarter.
  
  o **Winter new members must:**
    ▪ Attend the NMC held during **spring** quarter and
    ▪ Complete at least 6 hours of community service per quarter.
  
  o **Spring new members must:**
    ▪ Attend the NMC held during **spring** quarter and
    ▪ Complete at least 6 hours of community service.

• Each quarter, at least **60% of the chapter** should complete a minimum of 6 hours of community service and submit the Community Service Member Verification Form to the chapter’s community service chairperson to be turned in to the Office of Student Life.
  
  o New members will be included in the chapter’s overall percentage the quarter they join.

Continuing Chapter Members:

• **50% of all continuing members** *(excluding new members/neos/interest)* must attend **one** of the Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conferences in **fall quarter**.
  
  o The conference will consist of a keynote presentation and **two** breakout blocks in which attendees will be able to choose the session they want to go to.
  
  o Interpersonal Violence Prevention programming will be offered during the Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conferences. **Attendees will need to choose one** breakout that falls under this category.

• The **remaining 50% of all continuing members** *(excluding new members/neos/interest)* must attend one of the Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conferences in **winter quarter**.
  
  o The conference will consist of a keynote presentation and two breakout blocks in which attendees will be able to choose the session they want to go to.
  
  o Interpersonal Violence Prevention programming will be offered during the Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conferences. Attendees will need to choose one breakout that falls under this category.

• **Alternative means of earning Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Credit:**
  
  o Facilitating the New Member Conference in Fall
  
  o Serving as a Rho Gamma during Panhellenic Recruitment (Panhellenic sororities)

• By the end of the academic year, **at least 90%** of continuing members will have **attended a Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conference** as well as **received interpersonal violence prevention education**.
  
  o New members/neos/interest do **not need** to attend a Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conference the year they join as they will be attending a NMC instead.
• Each quarter, **at least 60%** of the chapter should complete a minimum of **6 hours of community service** and submit the Community Service Member Verification Form to the chapter’s community service chairperson to be turned in to the Office of Student Life.
  o New members will be included in the chapter’s overall percentage the quarter they join.

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**YOUR JOB AS AN SOE OFFICER**

**Chapter Officers:**
• OSL will be tracking attendance and can provide lists throughout the quarter to help you keep your chapter accountable.
• Communicate with your advisor for questions/concerns – we are here to help!

**Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Requirements**
• **50%** of continuing members should attend **ONE** Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conference in **fall**, the **other 50% should attend ONE conference in winter**.
• By the end of the year, at least **90% of your active chapter members** should have attended a Fraternity & Sorority Excellence Conference and **90% of your new members/neos/interests should have attended a NMC**.
  o By the end of the year, 90% of your chapter should have received education in preventing interpersonal violence either through the NMC or FSEC (this is a UC System-wide requirement for all fraternity and sorority members from the UC Office of President).

• There are enough total seats provided for each conference type by the end of the year for ALL fraternity and sorority members and new members to attend their specified conference. However, space in individual sessions is limited. HURRY, and make sure your members reserve their spots in a timely manner.
  o Conference Save the Dates go out months in advance and typically registration opens two weeks prior to the conference date.

**Community Service Requirements**
• This may fall under a separate officer, so communicate with them effectively.

• Compile community service hours using the Community Service Member Verification Form and submit all forms, chapter summary and philanthropy report to the Office of Student Life by Friday of Week 10 each quarter.
  o At least **60% of members should complete at least SIX HOURS of community service** each quarter to show their dedication to serving our community.
  o If you need ideas, check out the OSL website: osl.sa.ucsb.edu/fraternities-sororities/accreditation
HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE PROGRAM

1. Go to Shoreline (https://shoreline.ucsb.edu/groups)

2. Log in to Shoreline using your UCSB Net ID and password.
3. Click on +All Events and search “excellence.”
4. Click on the Morning OR Afternoon Conference “Register” button.

5. Click on “Register” and input your First Name, Last Name, Perm Number, and Affiliation.
6. BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR TWO BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDING AN IPVP WORKSHOP! Sign up for one session in Breakout 1 and one session in breakout 2.

7. Space for each breakout session is limited, so please sign up at your earliest convenience.

8. Add the conference and breakout sessions to your schedule/planner immediately. Note the location of each breakout session, as they are scheduled in a different venue.