Active
A person who has been initiated into lifelong membership and is currently in college, or in the case of NPHC organizations, a member that is financially in good standing with the organization (college undergraduate or alumnus).

Alumnus/alumna
An initiated Greek member (man/woman) no longer in college.

Bid
A formal invitation to join a sorority or fraternity.

Candidate (aspirant)
A man or woman participating in the membership intake process.

Chapter
The local group of a larger inter/national fraternity or sorority.

Formal Recruitment
The process sponsored by IFC or Panhellenic that provides the opportunity for prospective members to join a fraternity or sorority.

IFC
The Interfraternity Council is the governing board for their member organizations.

Initiation
The formal ceremony in which new members become full members of a chapter.

Intake
The new member education process for MGC and NPHC organizations. Intake begins once an individual has officially been invited to join an organization.

Interest meeting
A rush event sponsored by a MGC or NPHC organization.

Legacy
A potential member whose father/mother, brother/sister, grandfather/grandmother, and sometimes uncle/aunt are an alum or active member of a certain chapter.

MGC
Multicultural Greek Council is the governing board for historically Latino/a organizations, as well as other Greek organizations, on campus.
New Member
A man or woman who has accepted a bid to join a fraternity or sorority and has taken the first step toward full membership, but has not yet been initiated.

NPHC
The National Pan-Hellenic Council is the governing board for the Historically Black Greek Lettered Organizations on campus.

Panhellenic
The Panhellenic Council is the governing board for the National Panhellenic Conference organizations on campus.

Potential New Member
A man or woman participating in the intake, rush or recruitment process.

Quota
The maximum number of new members a sorority or fraternity may pledge during the IFC or Panhellenic formal rush/recruitment process.

Recommendation
A written letter (completed by an alumnae) recommending a potential member for sorority membership.

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