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“New Member” means pledge, associate member, aspirant, etc.

For organizations participating in formal recruitment in the spring, new member education shall begin immediately after the end of formal recruitment, which is the moment the results of bid matching are announced. New member education activities will conclude by the date set by Campus Living and Community Development. This date will be set on an annual basis based on the positioning of Spring Break in the academic calendar.

Greek chapters not participating in formal recruitment during fall or spring semester have six weeks, excluding spring break or fall break, from the date of affiliation/induction to conclude all new member education and initiation activities. Initiation for these chapters must be completed no later than three weeks before the week of final exams. Specific dates will be provided by Campus Living and Community Development as chapters complete and submit their new member education forms.

No more than twelve (12) hours of activities per week may be required, not including study hours.

Because members and new members must be allowed time for sleep and study on evenings prior to classes, no activities may occur between midnight and 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. No overnights are allowed without prior written permission from CLCD, and must be included on the calendar submitted to and approved by your chapter’s respective CLCD advisor.

Academic performance by a new member class must take priority over new member activities. No required new member activities may be scheduled which conflict with academic commitments.

No alcohol shall be present at any new member program, activity or ritual of the chapter.

Hazing is prohibited; please see DePauw’s Hazing Policy. The chapter must provide each new member with a copy of the University’s hazing policy and new member education guidelines on the first day of new member education.
Students are also expected to adhere to the student group responsibility and fraternity and sorority new member education policies listed in the DePauw Student Handbook. Students should familiarize themselves to these policies prior to new member education.

Separate expectations will be communicated to students regarding bid night, flower-ins and the new member education process. These CLCD expectations will be discussed with chapter leadership prior to the start of the new member education.