



The University of Kansas
Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life
Community Standards Program 2026-2027

A document that states and explains the specific SFL expectations, then lists the council expectations and SFL expectations in a list form below. SFL does not declare good standing if chapters don't meet council specific expectations. Councils should have clear language in bylaws that state all SFL expectations must be met in order to be in good standing.

Table of Contents

Overview 3-5

 Summary 3

 Purpose 3

 Conditions of Relationship 3

 Community Standards Exemptions 3

 Community Standards Review 4

 Chapter Standing 4

 SFL Rights and Privileges 4-5

 SFL Relationship Recognition 5

Community Standards Checklist 6

Community Standards Tracker 6

SFL Community Standards 7-10

 Chapter Operations 7-8

 Academic Achievement 8

 Civic & Community Engagement 8

 Belonging 8-9

 Personal & Professional Development 9

 Holistic Wellness 9-1

OVERVIEW

Summary

The University of Kansas Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life (SFL) Community Standards Program exists to improve the sorority and fraternity experience at KU. Adherence to these Community Standards is an expectation of all chapters affiliated with the Interfraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic Association and is a condition of maintaining compliance with the SFL office, and registration as a student organization through the Student Engagement Center (SEC). Although it is the responsibility of the leadership of each chapter to meet Community Standards, documentation of these standards is a coordinated effort between each chapter, their respective governing council, and the SFL staff.

Purpose

The purpose of the SFL Community Standards Program is to improve the management and quality of sororities and fraternities at KU by outlining a clear, comprehensive set of standards that each chapter must maintain for recognition as a SFL organization. Community Standards are also intended to:

1. Provide an annual evaluation tool that sororities and fraternities can utilize for self-evaluation purposes and receive recognition for meeting Community Standards.
2. Empower the SFL community to be part of the decision-making process in determining how they wish to function within the greater university community. The intent of the SFL Community Standards process is to provide a framework by which councils can quantify and document their respective chapter's performance for the purposes of recognition as well as increased accountability.

Conditions of Relationship

The annual review of chapter performance on an annual basis (August- May) will be based upon adherence to Community Standards in the following six areas:

1. Chapter Operations
2. Academic Achievement
3. Civic & Community Engagement
4. Belonging
5. Personal & Professional Development
6. Holistic Wellness

Community Standards Exemptions

Chapters may receive a short-term exemption to any of the Community Standards by the Sorority & Fraternity Life Office. To receive an exemption, a sorority or fraternity must:

1. Have experienced unforeseen extenuating circumstances preventing the chapter from meeting the requirement.
2. Be a newly recognized SFL organization that is in an associate or colony status. Newly recognized SFL organizations are automatically given a one-year exemption from participating in and adhering to the SFL Community Standards Program. Newly recognized SFL organizations may appeal to their respective governing councils for an additional one-year exemption from Community Standards.

Community Standards Review

Chapters will have the opportunity to provide feedback each year through an annual feedback form.

Chapter Standing

Based on their performance in the SFL Community Standards Program, chapters will be placed in one of the following three statuses:

- **Good Standing:** Chapter has completed all expectations outlined in the SFL Community Standards program. Chapters in “good standing” will receive all rights and privileges associated with membership in their respective governing council and retain status with KU as a recognized SFL organization.
- **Warning:** Chapter has not met all expectations outlined in the SFL Community Standards Program for one year. Chapters on “warning” are not in “good standing” with their respective council. Chapters will receive written notification that they are on “warning” from the executive board of their governing council. Chapters on “warning” will be asked to meet with a council advisor. Chapter on “warning” may have privileges removed, be required to participate in council programs, and/or complete educational sanctions to return the chapter to “good standing”.
- **Non-Compliant:** Chapter has not met all expectations outlined in the SFL Community Standards Program for two or more consecutive years. Chapters will receive written notification that their status with SFL is now “non-compliant” which will result in the revocation of many, if not all, of the rights and privileges outlined below. Chapters in “non-compliant” standing will need to work with SFL and their inter/national headquarters to develop a plan and timeline for returning to “good standing”.

SFL Relationship Rights & Privileges

Sororities and fraternities at KU registered with the SEC and in “good standing” with the SFL Office, are provided the following rights and privileges:

- Chapter recognition at the annual SFL Awards Ceremony. **Chapters must complete at least 90% of all Community Standards requirements to be eligible for recognition in chapter award categories. To be eligible for Chapter of the Year, chapters must complete all Community Standards requirements.**
- Support and guidance from SFL professional staff and resources including, but not limited to, educational programming, leadership training, annual conference attendance facilitation, and relevant referrals to campus resources.
- Marketing and promotional information on the SFL website and social media channels.
- Use of KU facilities for official chapter functions including reserving rooms and catering resources.
- Use of the official name and logos of the University of Kansas and Sorority & Fraternity Life Office.
- Participation in recreational/intramural sports offered through the Student Recreation & Fitness Center.
- Training and support to alumni advisors and house directors/representatives on university policies, procedures, and resources.
- Access to individualized GPA information including the all-campus average, all-men’s average, all-women’s average, all sorority/fraternity average, chapter and new member averages, council specific averages, and rankings of all sororities and fraternities for each academic semester. **Chapters that fail to complete at least 90% of all community standards requirements will not be eligible to receive a semester grade report.**

- Representation in KU Admissions materials and events including the SFL Brochure, Admissions Open House events, Rock Chalk Days, Junior Days, and Senior Days.
- Participation in Hawk Week events including various tabling opportunities and other new student focused activities.
- Assistance from SFL staff during crisis situations to navigate counseling resources and media support.
- Access to risk prevention education tailored specifically to members of sororities and fraternities.
- Access and use of budgeting and accounting assistance, office space, and supplies provided by the SFL office.

SFL Relationship Recognition

- The recognition of each sorority and fraternity at the University of Kansas is maintained through the organization's compliance to all policies and procedures outlined and all other related governing documents and policies maintained by the university, including but not limited to, the KU Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, SFL Community Standards, and the appropriate Governing Council's Constitution, Bylaws and Policies.
- All social sororities and fraternities, local or national, are required to apply for, obtain, and retain membership in a recognized Governing Council. Membership in a Governing Council requires that the organization be in compliance with the rules and activities of that body.
- To support the community standards process, each chapter is paired with an SFL staff member through the Chapter Support Model. This partnership is designed to provide ongoing guidance, strengthen chapter operations, and foster accountability within the sorority and fraternity community. Chapter Presidents meet with their assigned staff member to discuss chapter operations, council relations, community updates, and other relevant topics. SFL staff members also serve as year-round resources for leadership development, event planning, risk management, and navigating the accountability process. Meeting requirements vary based on a chapter's standing in the community standards process:
 - Good Standing – Required to meet with their assigned staff member at least twice per semester.
 - Warning Status – Required to meet with their assigned staff member at least three times per semester for additional support and progress monitoring.
 - Non-Compliant Status – Required to meet with their assigned staff member at least four times per semester to address concerns, create improvement plans, and ensure timely follow-up.

This structured approach ensures consistent communication, promotes proactive problem-solving, and helps chapters uphold the values and expectations of the KU sorority and fraternity community.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS CHECKLIST

Community Standard	Submission	Due Fall/Spring
Chapter Operations		
1.1: Annual Student Organization Registration	KU Engage	First week of classes Fall
1.2: Rosters	Verified by SFL Staff	SFL Staff request via email
1.3: Chapter Advisor Information	KU Engage	09/30/26 & 02/28/27
1.4: House Corporation Information	KU Engage	09/30/26 & 02/28/27
1.5: SFL Membership & Grade Release Form	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester
1.6: Chapter Executive Officer Roster	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester
1.7: Chapter Support Meeting & Chapter Achievement Plan	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester
Academic Achievement		
2.1: Academic Standing	Verified by SFL Staff	Provided in Academic Report
2.2: Academic Achievement Plan	KU Engage	09/30/26
Civic & Community Engagement		
3.1: Community Service Hours	KU Engage Council Pages	By Stop Day each semester
3.2: Philanthropy Money Raised	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester
Belonging		
4.1: Recruitment Plan	KU Engage	9/30/26 & 2/28/27
4.2: First Semester of Membership Plan	KU Engage	9/30/26 & 2/28/27
4.3: Fostering Sisterhood/Brotherhood	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester
4.4: Cross-Council Collaboration	KU Engage	By Stop Day Spring semester
Personal & Professional Development		
5.1: SFL Sponsored Events	Verified by SFL Staff	Verified by SFL Staff
5.2: SFL Campus Involvement	KU Engage	By Stop Day Spring Semester
5.3: Peer Accountability Process	KU Engage	9/30/26
Holistic Wellness		
6.1: Risk Management Training	KU Engage	9/30/26 & 2/28/27
6.2: Member Well-Being	KU Engage	By Stop Day each semester

COMMUNITY STANDARDS TRACKER

To view your chapter's Community Standards progress for the year, click on the link below.
For any questions, please contact your SFL Chapter Support Staff.

[2026-2027 Community Standards Tracker](#)

SFL COMMUNITY STANDARDS

Chapter Operations

1.1 Annual Student Organization Registration

All organizations at The University of Kansas are required to register with the University. In the registration process, chapters are required to submit bylaws. **Submitted bylaws are required to include a nondiscrimination policy.**

Submission: Student Organizations will complete the online re-registration process each year found on KU Engage. Due Fall semester.

1.2 Rosters

Updated active and new member rosters should be submitted to the SFL Office at the beginning of each academic term.

- Active rosters should be submitted by the first Friday of the academic term unless requested earlier due to a recruitment process.
- New member rosters are due within one week following the end of the recruitment process.
- Final review of both Active and New Member rosters are due by Stop Day

Submission: Via email to assigned Chapter Support staff member. Due Fall and Spring semester.

1.3 Chapter Advisor Information

Chapters should have a primary advisor. This is the person who is the go-to advisor for your chapter. They are the ones who may attend chapter meetings or provide day-to-day support for the chapter. Chapter advisors should be local (within a 50-mile radius), and it is recommended Chapters over 75 members have two local advisors.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

1.4 House Corporation Information

For chapters with housing facilities, the contact information for at least one individual that oversees the housing operation is expected to be on file with our office.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

1.5 SFL Membership Notification Form

All New Members should complete the SFL Member Notification Form within 48hrs of accepting an invitation to join a KU sorority or fraternity. New Members not having completed this form will not be included in the chapter's grade report.

Submission: Individual members should submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring as members join organization.

1.6 Chapter Executive Officer Roster

All chapters should submit contact information for their executive board at the beginning of each semester. SFL will provide definitions and chapters should align officer positions to the form. Each chapter should download the template Chapter Executive Office Roster from SFL KU Engage page and submit. This document will have the position definitions for you to reference as well as the place for you to fill out their contact information.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

1.7 Chapter Support Meetings & Chapter Achievement Plan

The SFL Office notifies chapters at the beginning of each semester of who the chapter's assigned SFL chapter support staff member will be. All chapter presidents are expected to attend two support meetings a semester with their SFL chapter support staff member. All chapter presidents should download the template Chapter Goal Achievement Plan from SFL KU Engage page and submit prior to the first support meeting of each semester.

Submission: Chapter presidents should submit Chapter Goal Achievement plans on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester. Chapter Support Staff members will track meeting completion each semester.

Academic Achievement

2.1 Academic Standing

The overall membership in each chapter should maintain a 2.5 semester GPA.

Submission: **No submission from chapter is required.** SFL staff will collect information each semester.

2.2 Academic Achievement Plan

The Academic Achievement Plan will include how the chapter provides support, recognizes improvement, and celebrates excellence in Academics. We encourage chapters to utilize their previous semester grade reports to inform the Academic Achievement Plan.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall semester.

Civic & Community Engagement

3.1 Community Service Hours

Each semester, the chapter should complete 5 hours of community service hours per member each semester

Submission: Hours should be submitted to each chapter's governing council KU Engage page. SFL will work with council officers to gather the service hours. Due Fall and Spring semester.

3.2 Philanthropy Money Raised

All chapters should submit philanthropic donations at the end of each academic term. If the chapter did not host a philanthropy event that semester, they should upload documentation sharing that information.

Submission: **Submit** information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

Belonging

4.1 Recruitment Plan

Chapter submits a Recruitment Plan that includes intentional activities that focus on building relationships with prospective members. This form is required for all chapters, even if chapters are not taking new members in that semester.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

**** NOTE:** this does not override each individual council's recruitment policies.

4.2 First Semester of Membership Plan

Chapter submits a First Semester of Membership Plan that outlines the chapter's new member/membership intake education program. The education program should provide appropriate education to individuals joining your organization. The program should include dates the program is starting and ending as well as weekly agendas with educational topics. In addition to the chapter's educational plan, they should submit the inter/national headquarters program expectations for their organization. Each chapter should download the template, First Semester of Membership Plan, from the SFL KU Engage page and submit.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

4.3 Fostering Sisterhood & Brotherhood

Chapters are expected to actively promote a strong sense of sisterhood or brotherhood by hosting intentional activities that build trust, connection, and belonging among members. These activities may include retreats, team-building exercises, programs, events, or other initiatives. These are for members only designed to enhance chapter unity and member engagement.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

4.4 Cross-Council Collaboration

Chapters are expected to participate in another council's event, or an event for a chapter in another council. Participation in events where chapters are partnered together, such as KU Homecoming and SFL Beak Week, count for completion of this standard.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Spring semester

Personal & Professional Development

5.1 SFL Sponsored Events

As representatives of the SFL Community, members should exemplify the ideals and values that form our core values. It is a member's responsibility to strive for success in academics, actively participate in services, and foster a sense of community within the sorority and fraternity chapters. It is expected that members will attend SFL conferences and programs.

Submission: SFL Office will verify attendance at each required event.

5.2 SFL Campus Involvement

Each chapter should have members involved in other recognized student organizations at KU or organizations/clubs in the Lawrence community. Each chapter should exhibit their chapter's involvement, including leadership positions held. The chapter should submit a list of members and their involvement annually. Although it is not required to be involved in other student organizations, it is highly encouraged.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Spring semester.

5.3 Peer Accountability Process

Chapters should submit evidence of a peer accountability process that is approved by its inter/national organization and considers how to address conflict and conduct in a way that supports the development and behavioral change of members.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall semester.

Holistic Wellness

6.1 Risk Management Training

Each chapter's officer(s) who are responsible for risk prevention education, understanding organizational risk policies, support chapter member well-being, or similar officer roles should attend any relevant trainings offered by the SFL office and/or their governing council. These officers should also educate their chapter members on risk management strategies, chapter and council (if applicable) social policies, university and inter/national organization hazing and alcohol/drug policies, and chapter prevention education. Documentation of attendance and proof of education should be submitted.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.

6.2 Member Well-Being

Chapters are expected to actively promote member well-being, demonstrating care for individual members and creating a healthy chapter culture. Well-being initiatives may include healthy team building activities, sharing campus/community resources that support well-being, harm prevention education, or other initiatives. Initiatives may be for chapter members only or engage the broader community. Documentation should be submitted, including a brief description of the event/initiative, chapter member attendance/participation, and any campus/community partners or others who presented or partnered in this effort.

Submission: Submit information on the SFL KU Engage page. Due Fall and Spring semester.
