

Sigma Nu FAQ

1. What is Sigma Nu all about?

Sigma Nu is a collegiate men's fraternity, originally founded in 1869 at the Virginia Military Institute. We are the only men's fraternity in the college world founded on the principle of honor and in firm opposition to hazing. The three cardinal principles of Sigma Nu are Love, Honor, and Truth. Sigma Nu has over 180 active chapters and colonies at various colleges and universities across the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest fraternities in the college world.

2. How much will it cost?

Financial responsibilities are broken up into two categories: those paid to the national organization and those paid to the local chapter. As for the national dues, there is a one-time candidate fee of \$90.00 and a one-time initiation fee of \$220.00. Fees to our national office are approximately \$150-\$175 per academic semester. In contrast, the chapter's members will decide the dues paid to the local chapter when the constitution and by laws are written. The members will decide on a budget based on the activities they want to hold and the expenses they will incur, and then determine how much income needs to be brought in through membership.

3. What is LEAD?

LEAD is an acronym for Leadership, Ethics, Achievement, Development, which is Sigma Nu's five-phase ethical leadership development program. This practical, interactive curriculum includes sessions that tackle issues ranging from leadership, brotherhood building, ethics and values, risk management, controversy with civility, and creating effective change, all the way to civic duty, campus involvement, mock job interviews, negotiating salary offers, and much more. All of our undergraduate members have the opportunity to experience LEAD from the time they embark on their journey as a Sigma Nu. Visit www.sigmanu.org/lead to learn more about this innovative program.

4. How much time will it take?

Being in a fraternity does involve a time commitment. As a general rule, joining a fraternity will take up the time comparable to adding a three-unit class to your schedule. Being on a committee, you can add an additional lab. Being an executive officer, such as Vice-President or Treasurer, you can expect to take on an internship. Being the President can be compared to taking on a new job.

5. What value will I gain from Sigma Nu?

The value you gain from membership in Sigma Nu Fraternity grows during your college years and continues throughout your entire life. The leadership skills you develop as a collegian will serve you long after you graduate and the bonds of brotherhood strengthened in college will only grow stronger as you grow older. As a Sigma Nu, you will have the unique opportunity to network with a diverse brotherhood, united by the common bond of our Fraternity. Simply put, the value of membership in Sigma Nu lasts a lifetime.