

**Rutgers University – New Brunswick
Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs
Chapter Viability Policy**

Philosophy

Rutgers University values a strong Greek community as a constructive element of student life. The University also recognizes that the community must have sufficient numbers so as to provide membership opportunities for every student who has the desire and means to join.

Registration by Rutgers University is a privilege. Registered chapters must be able to show substantial evidence of the organization's ability to contribute to the Greek community. Chapters are expected to meet expectations with respect to academic success, community service, campus involvement, and support of community-wide and council programs.

Rutgers University has established a minimum membership number as a way to insure healthy group and community dynamics. These standards exist for registered fraternities/sororities as well as student organizations and sports clubs. To insure that registered fraternities and sororities possess the ability to meet performance expectations and for the continued health of the fraternity/sorority community, this membership standard and procedures have been established.

Standard

1. All registered fraternities and sororities are required to list at least five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members (initiates and new members) on the roster at all times.

Process

1. Rosters will be reviewed in December, May and August to determine Viability Policy compliance.
2. All pledges/new member paperwork must be submitted to OFSA by the date noted on the Greek Calendar.
3. Each semester, Viability Policy reminder emails will be sent to all chapters that list 15 or fewer students on their membership roster.
4. Following the conclusion of the spring semester recruitment period, chapter rosters that have less than five (5) full-time, active, undergraduate members will be notified that university recognition will be withdrawn at the conclusion of the current academic year.
5. The national organization will be permitted to re-apply for university recognition after two academic years have elapsed.

Appeal

1. Chapters that anticipate falling below the required membership number may submit a written appeal, requesting an additional academic year to achieve the required membership number. Only chapters that have achieved an Annual Report score of 75% or better AND a 2.5 GPA are eligible to submit an appeal. Appeals must be submitted no later than June 1st.
2. Chapters are limited to one appeal/one additional academic year to achieve the required membership number.
3. Appeals will be reviewed by the Director of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs. Guidelines for submitting appeals will be provided by OFSA.
4. Chapters granted an additional academic year will be placed on Viability Probation. Viability Probation will include a list of provisions designed to assist the chapter's recruitment efforts.
5. Progress toward completing probation provisions will be reviewed periodically. Failure to complete the provisions in a timely manner may result in change in the chapter's recognition status.