

**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 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 Greek community, this membership standard and procedures have been established.

Standard

1. All registered fraternities and sororities are required to list at least eight (8) 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 20 or fewer students on their membership roster.
4. Chapters that fall below eight (8) full-time, active, undergraduate members (initiates/new members) will lose university registration for a minimum of two academic years.

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. Chapters that did not achieve a Two Star Annual Report ranking AND a 2.5 chapter GPA are not eligible to submit an appeal.
2. The appeals will be reviewed by the Dean of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs. Guidelines for submitting appeals will be provided by OFSA.