

Policy on Coeducational Fraternities and Sororities

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The Association of Fraternity Advisors insists upon the retention of social fraternities and sororities as single-sex organizations. The strength and purpose of the fraternity and sorority experience lies in the opportunities it holds for personal development. One critical issue during this stage of life is developing identity. The single-sex fraternity or sorority fosters one's identity by providing an environment which can best address the different developmental needs of each sex. A complete fraternity or sorority program will also provide the opportunities for interaction with the opposite sex, thus responding to other developmental needs of college students.

Administrators at colleges and universities are working to better the quality of chapter life for fraternities and sororities with equal vigor. The recent trend on university and college campuses of having one professional work with both groups has resulted in a more integrated approach to fraternity/sorority life.

It is fraternity and sorority law which dictates that chapters be single-sex. The AFA believes that members of an organization should always have the chance to alter the constitution and bylaws when rules are no longer responsive to the needs of members or serve the goals of the organization. National fraternities and sororities allow for this change through a parliamentary process which must be respected. Furthermore, accepted housing options (all men, all women) offered by fraternity/sorority chapters should not have interference.