**Alumna** (feminine)
A women’s fraternity or sorority member who is no longer a member of a collegiate chapter.

**Alumnae** (feminine)
The plural of alumna.

**Alumnus** (masculine)
A fraternity member who is no longer a member of a collegiate chapter.

**Alumni** (masculine)
The plural of alumnus, the customary plural term when men and women are addressed.

**Bid**
An invitation to join a men’s fraternity.

**Chapter**
A membership unit of an international men’s fraternity.

**Fraternity**
A Greek-letter sisterhood or brotherhood.

**Greek**
The name applied to all sorority and fraternity members.

**House director**
A woman or man who is hired to supervise the kitchen responsibilities, serve as official host or hostess for chapter events and be a “parent-away-from-home.”

**Initiate**
A man or woman who has recently become an active member of his or her fraternity/sorority.

**Initiation**
A ritualistic ceremony during which new members receive lifelong membership privileges.

**Interfraternity Council (IFC)**
The cooperative campus organization of collegiate members of the North-American Interfraternity Conference.

**Legacy**
A relationship through a family member (i.e. father, brother or grandfather). There is no standard policy regarding legacies and invitations for membership. Each chapter or national organization has its own policy.

**National/International Headquarters**
A term used to describe the central organization of any given fraternity/sorority.

**New member**
A man or woman who has accepted a fraternity bid but is not yet an initiated member.

**Office of Greek Affairs**
The K-State Office of Student Life department responsible for overseeing sororities and fraternities at the university.

**Panhellenic Council (PHC)**
The cooperative campus organization of collegiate members of National Panhellenic Conference women’s fraternities or sororities.

**Pledge**
A promise made by a new member.

**Recruitment**
A period of time during the school year in which events are held by each fraternity for the purpose of selecting new members.

**Sorority**
A Greek-letter sisterhood.