

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
CONSTITUTION
OF
THE ORDER OF OMEGA

PREAMBLE

We, the members of Order of Omega, Kappa Theta Chapter, do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purpose be realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I – NAME

- Section 1 The name of this organization shall be The Order of Omega, Louisiana State University, Kappa Theta Chapter.
- Section 2 The Order of Omega is a Leadership Honor Society

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

- Section 1 The purpose of The Order of Omega shall be threefold:
First, to recognize those students who have attained a high standard of leadership in inter-Greek activities, to encourage them to continue along this line, and to inspire others to strive for similar conspicuous attainment.
Second, to bring together the most representative fraternity and sorority members, and to create an organization which will help mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate affairs.
Third, to bring together members of the faculty, alumni, and student members of the institution's fraternities and sororities on a basis of mutual interest, understanding, and cooperation.

ARTICLE III – BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of this organization:

- Section 1 The organization shall be non-commercial
- Section 2 The name of the organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern.
- Section 3 The organization shall cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.
- Section 4 The organization may cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but persons representing the organization in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization

Section 5 The organization agrees to abide by all University policies and local, state and federal laws.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Any LSU student, faculty member or staff member who subscribes to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become a member of this organization, subject only to compliance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 2 Active membership is restricted to LSU students. Associate membership is restricted to LSU faculty and staff. Associate members are non-voting members.

Section 3 The membership of this order shall be confined to members of Greek letter social organizations

Section 4 There shall be four classes of members: student, faculty, alumni, and honorary

Student Members shall be those duly elected to membership as students by a chapter and they shall be so designated during the remaining period of their collegiate enrollment.

Faculty Members shall be those members of the faculty or administrative staff of Louisiana State University elected by a chapter as faculty members, or those formerly elected to membership who may subsequently be serving on the faculty or staff.

Alumni Members shall be all former student members after their graduation or the termination of their collegiate enrollment.

Honorary Members shall be those elected *honoris casusa* by a chapter of the Order.

Section 5 The active membership of the Order shall consist of the members of the Louisiana State University chapter as hereinafter defined.

Section 6 Membership in the Order of Omega entitles the person elected to the rights and privileges of membership for the remainder of his or her life, except that only active members may vote and hold office in the chapter.

Section 7 The total number of faculty and alumni members shall not exceed forty percent of the active membership of the chapter.

Section 8 In the event of dissolution of the organization, its assets shall be distributed for one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE V – ELIGIBILITY

Section 1 The qualifications for membership in the Order shall be character, scholarship, service and leadership in the Greek community of Louisiana State University.

- Section 2 Exemplary character shall be the primary consideration for membership in this Order.
- Section 3 To be eligible for membership in the Order, a student shall meet the following minimum requirements:
1. One full academic year at Louisiana State University
 2. Junior or Senior standing (60+ hours)
 3. Have a cumulative GPA above the all-greek average of the previous semester.
- Section 4 In the selection of student members, the complete collegiate record of each candidate shall be obtained and classified into the following heads or groups:
1. Scholarship
 2. Greek leadership positions
 3. Non-greek leadership positions
 4. Awards and honors

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- Section 1 New members are chosen biannually. Honorary members may be elected as frequently as a chapter may desire.
- Section 2 In no case shall the number of students elected to membership exceed three percent of the total number of regularly enrolled full-time Greek undergraduates on the main campus of Louisiana State University at the beginning of the academic year.
- Section 3 Officers will score applications using a definite points system and recommend a slate of new members to the total membership.

ARTICLE VII- OFFICERS

- Section 1 The officers of the chapter shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary/treasurer and a university advisor.
- Section 2 Every officer of a chapter shall be appropriately installed as soon as may be convenient after his or her election.

ARTICLE VIII- SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

- Section 1 If the cumulative GPA of any student member falls below the all-greek average, said member shall be placed on probation until such time when this academic position is corrected, meaning that said member will lose voting rights at meetings but is expected to attend chapter functions.

ARTICLE IX- BY-LAWS

Section 1 The chapter shall be empowered to pass, repeal, or modify By-Laws relating to the mode of procedure with reference to initiation, extension, general policy, and all other matters of a similar character not expressly provided for in this Constitution. These restrictions shall not as limit in any way the action of the chapter in an emergency.

ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Any amendment to this Constitution shall require for its passage an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership.

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ARTICLE I- FEES

Section 1 New members shall pay a one-time membership fee of \$75.00.

ARTICLE II- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers shall be elected at the spring initiation ceremony and serve for the next academic year. A majority vote of those present shall elect each officer.

ARTICLE III- OFFICER DUTIES

Section 1 The President shall be the executive head of the honorary. He/She shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Honorary. He/She shall be responsible for the observance of the Honorary's purposes and ideals by the members of the Honorary.

Section 2 The Vice President shall be responsible for coordinating the selection and initiation of new members.

Section 3 The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Honorary, its membership and such other administrative matters as shall be of interest or value to the Honorary. He/She shall conduct all correspondence pertaining to the Honorary.

ARTICLE IV- PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Section 1 Selection of new members shall begin in March and be announced in April for the Spring semester.

Section 2 Selection of new members shall begin in October and be announced in November for the Fall semester.

ARTICLE V- MEETINGS

Section 1 Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President.

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Section 1 Any amendment to these By-Laws shall require for its passage an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership.