

Delta Upsilon
Associate Member Education Plan
Spring 2026
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PURPOSE:

Delta Upsilon is committed to the purpose, mission and vision of building better men. We aim to do this through our four founding principles; the promotion of friendship, the development of character, the diffusion of liberal culture and the advancement of justice.

The purpose of the new member education plan is to instill these core principles into our new members. In addition to that central purpose, we also want to assimilate them smoothly into the Lehigh chapter of DU and help them learn what it means to be a DU member in this chapter. We want to emphasize the value of the fraternity in many facets of life, including philanthropic, professional, academic and social. Simply put, the purpose of this plan is to be their brothers and teach them what it means to be ours.

Our vision for the program is that the new members will embrace these principles and the brotherhood we wish to share with them. By the end of this process, we want our new members to feel comfortable and at home in the chapter and with any one of the DU brothers. We want them to see what this bond and the fraternal identity it comes with can mean if they embrace it.

Finally, our mission for the new member education program is the same as our national mission. We want to build them into better men. Of course, this process does not stop when they are initiated, but we need the new member education process to be a strong foundation so that, as they progress through school, the fraternity, and life, they can always lean on the core principles that they learn in this program.

RESOURCES:

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ASSOCIATE MEMBER EDUCATION BEGINS 2/04/2026

- Expectations
 - o Associate Members understand and relate to Delta Upsilon's Four Founding Principles (Establishment of Justice, Development of Character, Diffusion of Liberal Culture, Promotion of Friendship).
 - o Create clear communication among all Associate Members and brothers of Delta Upsilon to facilitate a smoother transition towards Initiation.
 - o This Plan is subject to change depending on current events such as weather and other potential issues
- Big Brother Expectations
 - o Weekly meetings with brothers are encouraged.
 - o The little brothers select big brothers at the end of week 2.
 - o Must maintain the minimum GPA of the chapter.
 - o Must meet the minimum philanthropy/service hours of the chapter.
- Suggested study hours each week (not mandatory). These study hours will take place in the Delta Upsilon parlor room and library and will not conflict with any other events in the NME Plan:
 - o Tuesday – 7pm – 9pm
 - o Thursdays – 7pm – 9pm
- New members are encouraged to take Mondays and Saturdays to focus on themselves through reconnecting with friends in their residence hall, other fraternities, classes...etc, attending a Lehigh speaker, or going to the gym. All brothers understand that supplying alcohol and/or pressuring the new members to consume alcohol is strictly forbidden. In addition, all brothers realize that it is important to foster an environment where new members do not feel it is necessary to drink. All brothers also understand the dangers and consequences associated with hazing and our chapter, Lehigh, or our International Headquarters will not tolerate it. This notion will be supported and enforced by all of our brothers.
- Associate Members will be told during the first meeting that if any member witnesses or is a victim of hazing, he should contact the VP of New Membership Education, Gabe Katz, by e-mail at gsk228@lehigh.edu or the President, Patrick Kaminski, by email at pak228@lehigh.edu. He may also contact, our alumni advisor, Chad Paul at (610)-392-8888, The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, call 1-888-NOT-HAZE, call LUPD at (610) 758-4200, or the anonymous online hazing form at <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/report-hazing>

Educational Session Outcomes

Introduction to Fraternity

- Participants will be able to identify common characteristics between themselves and other members of the Associate Member Class.
- Participants will be able to articulate on their decision to join Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to identify the expectations for membership in Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to explain the hazing policy for Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to reflect upon their experience in the Pledging Ceremony

Working as a Team

- Participants will be able to communicate with others through a problem solving process.
- Participants will be able to analyze a problem and develop and execute a solution.
- Participants will be able to develop a working relationship with others in the associate member class.
- Participants will be able to follow instructions from others in order to achieve a group goal.

Placing Values in Fraternity

- Participants will be able to identify their top personal values.
- Participants will be able to articulate influences in developing their personal values.
- Participants will be able to articulate the Four Founding Principles, Mission and foundation of Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to compare and contrast their personal values with the Four Founding Principles, Mission and foundation of Delta Upsilon.

Delta Upsilon History

- Participants will be able to describe the key events in the founding and development of Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to explain the significance of non-secrecy in Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to describe key events in the founding and development of their local chapter.
- Participants will be able to identify and explain the official symbols of Delta Upsilon.

Academic Success

- Participants will be able to access resources for academic support at their college or university.
- Participants will articulate their personal academic goals.
- Participants will be able to create a personal study plan for the purpose of meeting stated academic goals.
- Participants will prioritize academic success as a central aspect of their student and fraternity experience.

Leadership Skills

- Participants will be able to explain a definition for leadership.
- Participants will be able to articulate five myths and truths of leadership.
- Participants will be able to explain leadership as a relational process.
- Participants will be able to identify the relationship between followership and leadership.

Loss Prevention

- Participants will be able to locate the Delta Upsilon Loss Prevention Policy and explain each section.
- Participants will be able to explain the importance of effective Loss Prevention in Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to apply the Loss Prevention Policy in the planning of events and decision-making.
- Participants will be able to access resources available through Delta Upsilon and their college or university related to health and wellness.

Fraternity Operations

- Participants will be able to identify the nine executive board positions for Delta Upsilon, identify the advisors for the chapter, and explain the leadership structure for the chapter.
- Participants will be able to identify the leadership structure in the International Fraternity, including the Undergraduate Convention, Alumni Assembly, Board of Directors, Province Governors, and headquarters staff.
- Participants will be able to explain the purpose of the Chapter Excellence Plan.
- Participants will be able to identify Delta Upsilon educational programs.

Ritual Preparation

- Participants will be able to explain the importance of the Ritual of Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to explain the history of the Ritual of Delta Upsilon.
- Participants will be able to explain the concept of non-secrecy in their own terms.
- Participants will be able to explain their role in the Initiation Ceremony.

Expectations:

To ensure the chapter is creating a desired educational environment to attain all learning outcomes from the Associate Member Education Program, it is imperative that hazing has no part in the experience. Delta Upsilon is a non-hazing fraternity. All hazing activities are strictly prohibited.

Definition of Hazing per the Delta Upsilon Loss Prevention Policy

The chapter/organization, and members must comply with all federal, state, provincial, and local laws regarding hazing.

The term “hazing” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against any individual or group of individuals, regardless of affiliation, whether or not committed on chapter/organizational property, for the purpose of recruiting, joining, pledging, initiating, admitting, affiliating, or for the purpose of retaining membership in an organization that causes an individual or group of individuals to do any of the following, regardless of a person’s willingness to participate:

- A. Be coerced to violate federal, state, provincial, local law, or chapter/organizational policy.
- B. Be coerced to consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug, or other substance in any noncustomary manner which subjects the individual or group of individuals to a substantial risk of emotional or physical harm which includes but not limited to sickness, vomiting, intoxication, or unconsciousness.
- C. Endure brutality of a physical nature, including but not limited to whipping, beating, paddling, branding, dangerous physical activity, or exposure to elements or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- D. Endure brutality of a mental nature, including but not limited to activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment or endure threats of such conduct that results in mental or physical harm.
- E. Endure any other activity which adversely affects the health and safety of an individual, including but not limited to the disruption of academic performance or class attendance, required designated driving programs, line ups, calisthenics, or personal, physical, or financial servitude.

Expectations of the Associate Member Education Program

- All associate members are reported and all fees are paid within seven days.
- The program will not exceed six weeks.
- Each meeting/activity will last about 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- All associate members will be notified of the date of Initiation at the start of their Associate Member Education.
- No Alcohol will be present for any associate member activities, including Big Brother activities.
- Activities should not be planned in a way so that they interfere with an associate member's academic commitments.
- All associate members are required to review the Honor Code.
- All associate members are expected to complete GreekLifeEdu*.
- All initiated members are required to review the Honor Code prior to the start of Associate Member Education.

***GreekLifeEdu**

- This is an interactive online program addressing issues which affect members of fraternities and sororities and students in college.
- It is an important resource to help us better understand our social behaviors and to better understand how we can create safe environments within Delta Upsilon and within our general lives

Four Founding Principles Weeks:

What?

The Associate Member Class will complete four weeks of events throughout the course of their Associate Member Education program. Each week will correspond with one of the Four Founding Principles: Development of Character, Promotion of Friendship, Diffusion of Liberal Culture and Advancement of Justice.

Why?

The Four Founding Principles weeks provide associate members an opportunity to bring the Principles of Delta Upsilon to life in a relevant way. It is important for all members of the Fraternity to define and apply each of the Principles continuously throughout their fraternal experience. Through these weeks, associate members will begin to learn how to do this in a collaborative manner with the members of their class and the chapter.

When?

Events will take place prior to the conclusion of the Associate Member Education program. Events will be scheduled in an organized manner which does not interfere with each member's academic responsibilities, and they will not place undue time expectations on any members.

Where?

Events may take place in the chapter facility, on campus or in the local community. All events will be located within a reasonable distance from campus or on campus.

Associate Member Event Schedule

Week 1: Introduction (2/4/26 - 2/8/26)

❖ Wednesday

- First Meeting (VP New Member Education)
 - Delta Upsilon Chapter House - 7PM
 - Times of this meeting and future meetings may change pending associate member availability and brother availability.
 - Go through a basic rundown of what the next 6 weeks will look like for the associate members.
 - Let them know the specifics of events for the upcoming week.
 - Ask them to bring a computer to our next meeting so that they can all complete GreekLife Edu together.
 - Hold a weekly meeting teaching associate members about the history and traditions of Delta Upsilon.
 - Introduce New Members to our 4 founding principles and explain their importance.
- Introduce House Study Sessions Tuesday, Thursday nights (VP Scholarship)
 - Chapter House- 8PM
 - The new members will be encouraged to attend these study sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9pm to study together with their class and brothers.
 - This will help ensure new members are focusing on their coursework as well as allow experienced brothers to help new members with any classes that they may be struggling with.

❖ Thursday

- Living in the House (House Manager)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - Detail responsibilities of living in the house (cleanliness, kitchen maintenance).
 - Explain what is/isn't allowed in rooms and the house (housing policy).
 - Provide an overview of the Graduate Assistant living situation.
 - Explain house points and room selection process.
 - The purpose of this event is to let the new members know what to expect with living in the house and the importance of their house experience as they will all live in the house at some point.
- Dues (VP Finance)
 - Chapter House- 7:30PM
 - Breakdown of what dues go towards.
 - Inform associate members of what happens when dues are not paid (interest, certain restrictions).
 - Enforce the point that all money we spend is our own and it should be

treated responsibly. Alumni advisor signs off on all house checks.

- Loss Prevention (VP Loss Prevention)
 - Chapter House- 8PM
 - Explain what actions we take as a chapter to prevent loss, especially at social events.
 - Stress that we take the safety of anyone at our events very seriously.
 - Explain what to do if/when faced with irresponsible environments.

❖ Friday

- Introduce Capstone Project (Philanthropy Chair, Community Service Chair)
 - Chapter House- 7PM
 - Introduce associate members to their Capstone Project which tasks them to plan their own Philanthropy Event to help a cause that their class supports.
 - Cooperation on projects will bolster an environment of cooperation and solidarity towards a common purpose.
 - Brothers will be available to help support and guide new members.
 - Philanthropy Chair will meet with associate member executives to discuss progress on a weekly basis.
 - The event will be hosted in the final week of New Member Education.
 - Each brother will be expected to attend the event.
 - See page 12 as to what the capstone project entails.

❖ Saturday

- Getting to know Brothers (VP External Relations)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - Associate Members will be paired together and will be tasked with creating powerpoint slides introducing the other member to the chapter.
 - The presentations will be at chapter on Sunday.
 - Great opportunity for every brother to be introduced to the new members as well as a good way for associate members to learn more about each other.

❖ Sunday

- Class Elections (President)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - Associate member positions from the previous year will meet with the new class and describe the responsibilities for each position (President, Loss Prevention Chair, Social Chair, Scribe).
 - Associate members will nominate candidates and vote.
 - These elections serve to develop leadership and organization within the chapter from the very beginning and foster a sense of responsibility and confidence for future years in the chapter.
- Weekly DU History Meeting and GreekLife Edu (VP New Member

Education)

- Chapter House - 7:30PM
- Help guide the associate members through GreekLife Edu.
- Teach associate members about DU's history and rituals.
- Inform associate members of the founding principle of the upcoming week and briefly explain its importance for being a brother.
- This will be a weekly meeting from now until the end of the New Member process involving DU history.
- Upperclassmen Interviews (VP New Member Education)
 - Chapter House - 8:30PM
 - Associate members will be tasked with interviewing all of the upperclassmen of DU.
 - This will be another good way for the associate members to meet with brothers that they do not know well and make them feel more comfortable with the older brothers.
- Associate members will text in their top 5 preferences of Big Brother. Will ask the same of the sophomores to text in their preferences of Little Brother.

Week 2: Promotion of Friendship (2/8/26 - 2/15/26)

❖ Tuesday

- Video Game Tournament (VP New Member Education)
 - Chapter House - 8PM
 - Video game tournament in chapter house parlor room.
 - The winner will be awarded a 10 dollar gift card of their choice.
 - Encourages associate members and brothers to socialize and engage in friendly competition.
 - The event is not mandatory.

❖ Friday

- Big-Little Pairings (VP New Member Education)
 - Chapter House - 6PM
 - VP NME will compile pairings for Big Brothers and Little Brothers.
 - Lineages will go out for dinner (non mandatory).
 - This will show associate members that they are a part of a family and that big brothers will be there for not only friendship but also support

Week 3: Development of Character (2/15/26 - 2/22/26)

❖ Tuesday

- House-wide educational events (VP Loss Prevention)
 - Chapter House - 4:30PM
 - VP of Loss Prevention will hold an alcohol and drug abuse seminar.
 - Will introduce associate members to the availability of counseling services.

- The purpose is to educate new members and brothers in a more interactive way. This is a supplement to Alcohol.edu and should be more beneficial to members since it will be open to questions.
- ❖ Friday (Tentative Day of this week)
 - Academic Workshop (VP Scholarship)
 - Chapter House - 4:30PM
 - VP of Scholarship will hold an academic workshop, helping with resume building and academic schedule planning
 - Associate members and brothers will attend.
 - Promote better studying habits amongst the chapter in an effort to boost house GPA.

Week 4: Diffusion of Liberal Culture (2/22/26 - 3/1/26)

- ❖ Wednesday
 - House-wide educational event (VP Loss Prevention)
 - Chapter House - 4:30PM
 - VP of Loss Prevention will hold a gender violence/sexual assault prevention seminar.
 - The purpose is to educate new members and brothers in a more interactive way. This is a supplement to Title IX and should be more beneficial to members since it will be open to questions.
- ❖ Sunday
 - Executive Board Position Explanations (All Eboard Members)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - All of Eboard will meet with the associate members to explain what their position entails.
 - Helps associate members understand the positions of the house and their functions
 - Prepares and inspires them to run for election and serve the chapter on Eboard.

Week 5: Advancement of Justice (3/1/26 - 3/5/26)

- ❖ Tuesday
 - Mock Trial
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - New members engage in debate over controversial topics.
 - Brothers will also participate.
 - Members are given a random side to take in the debate that may or may not be of their own beliefs.
 - This exercise asks new members to step into other people's shoes and respect differing opinions.
- ❖ Thursday

- Global Service Initiative (VP Philanthropy)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - VP Philanthropy will explain the Global Service Initiative trip to Jamaica, its purpose and its relationship with DU.
 - Tell them how to sign up for GSI.
 - Will hopefully get associate members inspired to be a part of GSI and help the less fortunate through our national philanthropy.

Week 6: Bring it all Together (3/15/26 - 3/19/26)

❖ Tuesday

- Registering Associate Members to Vote (VP External Relations)
 - Chapter House - 7PM
 - Assist every new member in registering themselves to vote.
 - Civic Duty is important to our chapter, and we would like to instill that value in new members.
 - Allows for more political discussion throughout the house, and the ability to act on our political beliefs as citizens of the US.
- Standards Education (Chief Justice)
 - Chapter House - 7:30PM
 - Explain Standards Board, its purpose, the process of being brought in front of the board, and common punishments.
 - Explain who serves on the standards board (two delegates from each class) and the responsibilities of the position.
 - Ask associate members to start thinking about who they would like to nominate from their class to serve after initiation.
 - Personal accountability is something we hold to a very high regard at Delta Upsilon. Instilling this value into the new members is of utmost importance and is vital to the success of the chapter.

❖ Thursday

- Recruitment Strategies (VP Recruitment)
 - Chapter House - 7PM (not required but associate members are highly encouraged to attend)
 - Utilize strategies from Recruitment Institute.
 - Give advice on how to recruit a well rounded class to follow.
 - New members can share how they felt during the recruitment process and can more effectively address areas for development.

❖ Friday

- Host Capstone Project (Philanthropy Chair)
 - Chapter House - Pending Time
 - Associate members will host their finalized philanthropy event.
 - Post-event they will have a discussion about their thoughts on the

- capstone project.
- Demonstrates the value and importance we place on philanthropy, as well as being able to donate to a cause the new members are passionate about.
- Shows associate members what it takes to host a philanthropy event start to finish and encourages them to continue on their philanthropic journey.

Initiation (All Brothers):

- ❖ Sunday, March 22th
 - Iacocca Hall - 12PM
 - Associate Members will publicly take the Rites of Initiation at Iococca Hall on Mountaintop Campus.
 - All brothers are expected to be in attendance.
 - Families are invited to the ceremony and a catered reception afterwards.
 - This event serves as a public, non secret celebration of the work the new members have put into becoming brothers of Delta Upsilon.

Capstone Project:

The Associate Member Capstone Project provides an opportunity to reflect back on what you have learned to this point, while mapping out your ideal future Delta Upsilon experience. You must act with intention to realize your personal, academic and professional goals in the future, and Delta Upsilon can be a vehicle to help you get there. The assignment will be the planning and execution of a philanthropy event. Over the course of the associate member process they will be planning a philanthropy event with the guidance of the Philanthropy Chair, the Community Service Office and brothers who have experience in planning philanthropy events. Associate members will have the choice of donating the money they raise to whatever cause they share a passion for. This project is a win-win for the chapter, the local campus, the Bethlehem community, and the associate members themselves. They will work together in a group and cooperate to serve a just cause and improve the lives of others. The Capstone project will be a great way for the associate members to be introduced to the service aspect of Greek Life and the work we do at Delta Upsilon to make a positive impact on those around us.