

Alpha Omicron Pi Membership Frequently Asked Questions

Membership – What’s involved? What do you do as a member?

We hold weekly meetings to discuss the running of the chapter, organize and plan events, vote on chapter business, and hold educational sessions.

We also devote some of our time raising money for local charities or participating in other philanthropy events.

For fun, we have social exchanges with the men’s fraternities, hold sisterhood events, and participate in fraternity games and competitions, and participate in CSULB events and activities.



Who Can Join?

Membership into AOII is by invitation. Prospective members may meet current chapter members and visit the chapter house at various Recruitment events throughout the year and during Formal Recruitment each Fall.

Any female student enrolled at CSULB, carrying a minimum of 12 units and with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is eligible to participate in Formal or Continuous Open Recruitment.

Orientation Period

The New Member period is 6 weeks long, during which time you’ll learn about the history of AOII and Lambda Beta and participate in most chapter events.

AOII International developed a life-learning program called BRIDGES (Building Relationships and Ideals, Developing Goals and Enriching Self), which includes sessions on time management and financial responsibility. In addition to learning about AOII, we feel it’s important to provide information on life skills – things you won’t learn in the classroom.



Expectations & Obligations

Like every organization, AOII is governed by a set of rules that all members agree to follow. These rules are designed to ensure the chapter runs smoothly and all members are treated fairly. Upon joining, every member agrees to pay monthly dues which are used to pay for the chapter house, chapter events and the running of the chapter.

New Members will pay one time fees when they join which cover their initiation, badge and subscription to our international magazine, *To Dragma*.

Members are also encouraged to get involved in the running of the chapter or as part of a committee as this provides for personal growth and allows members to learn valuable skills which can be used in life and in the workplace. There are a variety of positions and opportunities available encompassing a wide range of duties, responsibilities, and time commitments.

Policy on Hazing

As your sisters, we want to encourage behavior that is responsible and respectable which reflect your pride in yourself and AOII. You will develop qualities of self-discipline and learn to respect the rights and opinions of others. AOII does have a secret ritual and initiation process, but it is not intended to make one feel foolish, but rather reveals the values we hold in high regard and upon which AOII was founded.

Alpha Omicron Pi has a strict No-Hazing policy. During the New Member period, including initiation, and your time as an active collegiate member of AOII, you will never be asked to do or say anything that would offend your personal morals or beliefs. Initiation serves as a process to welcome new members into the bonds of sisterhood and not to have fun at their expense. No chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi is permitted to engage in the practice of hazing for either its new or initiated members.

Sisterhood

Our sisterhood is the foundation of the AOII experience. Sisterhood is friendship with a special bond unlike any other. It is women who have chosen each other for lifetime friends. AOII fosters relationships that members cherish all their lives. Each young woman is respected for being herself. It is this diversity, combined with a great group of sisters, which makes AOII membership last for a lifetime.



Academic Success

The academic portion of your university career is a significant factor in your future and AOII wants its members to seriously regard their academic endeavors while in college. One of the primary purposes of the Greek system is to encourage and develop high scholastic achievement among its members. Through tutoring programs, study hours, creative incentives, and recognition of individual members and chapter achievements, our scholarship program will help you with your academic success.

Social Activities

The wide variety of activities open to members provide opportunities for AOIIs to gain experience in the social and professional settings they will experience throughout their lives. Social activities include social exchanges with male fraternities, sisterhood events, campus activities, alumnae events, and formals. Sisters also enjoy informal get-togethers in which they share common interests.



Leadership

Every member has the opportunity to serve on a committee or hold a leadership position. Minimum GPA requirements for Leader's Council and Cabinet officers are higher than those required of general membership and it is an honor and a privilege to serve one's chapter.

Serving as an officer and being involved in committee work helps members develop responsibility and leadership skills such as decision making, team work and collaboration, open-mindedness, tolerance, negotiation skills and communication. You will learn how to work with others, practice parliamentary procedure, plan and manage a budget, run effective meetings, speak in public, and motivate and inspire

others. These are all skills that will translate into the business world and your personal life – not just while as an active collegiate member of AOII.

Community Service

AOIIs are women committed to making the world and the community in which we live a better place. Our chapter participates in a variety of local community service and philanthropic projects. Additionally, opportunities through the National Panhellenic Conference, CSULB, and our alumnae chapters are available.

AOII applauds volunteerism on all levels and promotes community service as an integral part of fraternity membership. Internationally, AOIIs participate in community based programs and projects for children, women's shelters, health issues, recycling, literacy, food banks, walk-a-thons, and much, much more.

