

Code of Ethics

The mission of the Fraternal Values Society is to illuminate the central values that guided the historical founding of fraternities and sororities, and to incorporate these values into the contemporary fraternity and sorority experience. The primary purpose of the Code of Ethics is to provide a guideline for all members of the Fraternal Values Society in word and deed for their daily actions and behavior.

Every member of the Fraternal Values society must agree to live by and uphold the Code of Ethics. Each member and chapter of the Fraternal Values Society is responsible for upholding and enforcing the Code of Ethics. If someone is in violation of the Code of Ethics, it is the responsibility of the other members of that chapter to address the situation in an appropriate manner. Additionally, the Code of Ethics is publicly available so that all members of the community may challenge Fraternal Values Society members and chapters to uphold this Code.

As a member of the Fraternal Values Society, I commit to act, support, and challenge others and myself to the following principles and ideals. I promise:

- To advance fraternal values congruence, alignment, and relevance;
- To work to influence the structures, programs, and traditions that are not in congruence with our shared fraternal values;
- To promote conduct consistent with good morals and good taste;
- To create and shape an environment which stimulates substantial intellectual progress and superior intellectual achievement;
- To promote ethical decision-making of all members of fraternal organizations;
- To encourage the complete personal development of fraternal members – intellectually, morally, and developmentally;
- To engage in dialogue, discourse, and reflection about fraternal values;
- To empower and challenge individuals to live their lives according to our fraternal rituals and values;
- To publicly recognize individuals and organizations who exemplify high moral character;
- To uphold the intent and spirit of the policies, regulations, and standards of our fraternal organizations, our college/university, and our community; and
- To lead ethically, morally, and demonstrate values congruence.