ACADEMIC PROGRAM & POLICY

Component **Documentation** Chapter has, in its bylaws, academic 1. Chapter bylaws including academic requirements addressing a standard GPA to requirements with the relevant sections obtain and maintain general membership and a and points highlighted or marked. 2. Academic reports for the fall and spring standard GPA to obtain and maintain all elected and appointed positions terms (semester schools) or fall and winter terms (quarter/trimester schools) Chapter's GPA meets or exceeds the All Campus provided by the professional overseeing fraternities at the host institution. Average OR a 3.0 GPA average OR has improved by one tenth of a point (0.1) over the previous Fall AND Spring terms respectively A. Chapters Academic Plan Including: a) Measures, including meeting with a *A) If a chapter did not meet the* member's academic advisor, for aforementioned GPA requirement in the those members who fall below the previous academic year, the chapter must chapter's expectations. also submit an academic plan. b) *Recognition for outstanding* individual academic achievement

About This Component

Student members must maintain their status as a student to be an active member of an undergraduate chapter of Delta Sigma Phi. In the effort to be the Better Man, our organization places an emphasis on academic character. Chapters should celebrate those members who do well and hold those accountable who perform below expectations.

Best Practices

- While recruiting, take into account the seriousness with which a potential member approaches his academics. It will likely set the tone for his college career.
- Hold firm to chapter standards. If the standard to join is a 3.0, don't lower it to allow one individual to join. His work to improve his GPA will only further demonstrate his commitment to the chapter.
- The ideal academic plan exhausts all resources to help an individual focus on improving his GPA.
 Research and utilize all that your institution and the Internet have to offer and make those available to men who struggle to maintain the chapter's standard.
- If you have trouble instituting a GPA minimum for new members, try a graduated approach that increases your standard over the course of 2-3 years.