

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM & POLICY

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## Component

## Documentation

<p>Chapter has, in its bylaws, academic requirements addressing a standard GPA to obtain/maintain general membership <b>AND</b> a standard GPA to obtain/maintain all elected and appointed positions</p> <p>Chapter's GPA: meets or exceeds the All Campus Average <b>OR</b> a 3.0 GPA average <b>OR</b> has improved by one tenth of a point (0.1) over the previous Fall <b>AND</b> Winter/Spring terms respectively</p> <p>Chapter has an academic plan that fosters growth in members who fall below a certain GPA and recognizes those who achieve academic excellence.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chapter bylaws including academic requirements with the relevant sections and points highlighted or marked.</li> <li>2. Official academic reports for the fall and spring terms (semester schools) or fall and winter terms (quarter/trimester schools).</li> <li>3. Chapter's Academic Plan Including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measures, including meeting with a member's academic advisor, for those members who fall below the chapter's expectations.</li> <li>- Recognition for outstanding individual academic achievement</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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## 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.