

ABOUT PHI SIGMA ZETA

The Phi Sigma Zeta political science co-ed fraternity was founded in order to enhance the student experience at NIU. By working closely with the Political Science Department, Phi Sigma Zeta has a unique and valuable role on campus by ensuring that students at NIU can learn about politics and political science outside of the classroom experience.

We have exciting events planned. Each month Phi Sigma Zeta will bring students together with faculty and advisors or academic, professional, or political representatives to talk about politics, career paths for political science majors, or research in political science. These meetings will provide opportunities for participants to develop closer relationships with the faculty. Students will gain insight into the career possibilities available with organizations like the FBI, Rand corporation and the State Department. In addition, we have representatives from Amnesty International, the Peace Corps, and ACLU who will talk about their respective programs. We also hold Law School and Grad School workshops in conjunction with the Pre-Law Society and the Political Science Graduate Student Association, and of course our main event of the year, the Political Science Commencement ceremony. Because the scope and depth of Phi Sigma Zeta is so large, we welcome new members and have plenty of opportunities to participate at all levels of the organization from the casual attendee at the film series to the leader and organizer of guest speakers and presenters. We are a great way to meet new people, make new friends and GET INVOLVED!

MISSION

By working closely with the Political Science Department, Phi Sigma Zeta has a unique and valuable role within the Department and University to ensure that students gain the most from their time at NIU. Our various functions include but are not limited to: facilitating lecture series, participation in the political community of DeKalb and the greater Chicagoland area, providing access to internship and career resources for students, and hosting guest speakers and a film series. Because of the scope and depth of Phi Sigma Zeta's role on campus is great, participation in our organization is strongly encouraged. The philosophy under which we operate is driven primarily by the principles of leadership, service and academic excellence. Because we are a non-partisan organization we naturally decline to endorse or support any causes either within or outside of the university. In this way we avoid pitfalls which could divert us from our main objectives.

MEMBERSHIP

Phi Sigma Zeta's success is due mainly to the initiative, creativity and dedication of its members. Our members are what make us great and a fun place to learn about politics and political science. Phi Sigma Zeta is a dynamic and growing student organization. We are a team dedicated to enriching the experience of undergraduates at NIU.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:

- Leadership Experience
- Faculty Contact and Feedback on Projects and Topics of the Day
- A Political Science Family
- Service
- Political and Career Contacts
- Contacts for Internships

Requirements for membership:

- To become a member, send your name and email address to Dr. Rebecca Hannagan at rhannaga@niu.edu and a \$20.00 academic year membership dues will be required. Dues can be paid to Professor Hannagan any time during the semester. Her office is 406 Zulauf or you can leave it with Pam Kombrink in the Political Science Office at 415 Zulauf. Then you're all set to be involved in this great group of people!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We are looking for responsible, goal-oriented individuals to fill various leadership and support positions within the organization. If you are interested, and fulfill the requirements below, you can submit your statement of interest either by email to faculty advisor Dr. Rebecca Hannagan, rhannaga@niu.edu.

Requirements for leadership positions:

- Current NIU student and Political Science Major or Minor with a 3.0 GPA or above
- Available to attend monthly events and planning meetings