

Prevention, Outreach & Education Department

Greeks Take the Lead



Official Guide

**EMPOWERING
FRATERNITY & SORORITY
STUDENTS FOR CHANGE**

FOR ALL INQUIRES, CONTACT GTTL@MSU.EDU

Mission & Purpose

The "Greeks Take the Lead" Initiative serves as a way to empower fraternity and sorority students by providing further education on how they can intervene and end sexual violence in their chapters and greater community.

Programming Requirements

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NEW PRESIDENT TRAINING

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RISK MANAGER TRAINING (FOR HISTORICALLY-HOUSED CHAPTERS)

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GENERAL MEMBER ENGAGEMENT:

- GTTL General Member Session
- Individual Chapter/Council Event

Chapter or Council Event Criteria

Chapters and councils may propose individual events to count towards the "Greeks Take the Lead" Initiative.

The following criteria must be met in order for an event to receive credit towards "Greeks Take the Lead":

TOPICS: The event must address issues related to at least one of the following: Relationship Violence, Sexual Misconduct (i.e. Assault, Harassment or Exploitation), Stalking, Consent, Bystander Intervention, Healthy Relationships, Supporting Survivors, or Additional Topics Pertaining to Gender-Based Violence or Discrimination.

CONSULTATION: Event planners must consult with a staff member from the Prevention, Outreach and Education Department prior to the event.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: The event must have specific, attainable and relevant learning outcomes.

SURVIVOR-CENTERED: The rights, needs and wishes of survivors must be prioritized in the development of the event.

ATTENDANCE & EVALUATION: There must be measures in place to track attendance and evaluate the goals of the event.

How to Propose an Event

Any chapter or council leader who would like to request an event may fill out the "**Greeks Take the Lead**" **Event Request Form** at

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GTTLEVENTREQUEST](https://tinyurl.com/gttleventrequest)

All event requests must be submitted **at least two weeks** prior to the intended event date.

Survivor Accommodations

Topics pertaining to sexual misconduct, relationship violence, stalking and gender-based violence may be difficult and unsafe for people (especially survivors) to engage in. As a result, we advise the following steps be taken in order to prioritize safety for participants.

OPTIONAL: Advertise that your event is not mandatory for individuals to attend.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Inform all potential attendees that anyone who might find the content difficult or unsafe to engage in email **gttl@msu.edu** (which is run by a confidential resource) to request an accommodation.

SAFE SPACE: For events for 50 attendees or more, coordinate a safe space with the Center for Survivors at **<https://tinyurl.com/msusafespace>**.

Advice for General Member Engagement

Chapter leaders are advised take the following steps in order to help ensure that you reach that threshold:

CHAPTER ROSTERS: Keep accurate maintenance of your chapter rosters for "Greeks Take the Lead".

COMMUNICATIONS: Save all communications (i.e. chapter/agenda announcements, email communications, etc.) regarding "Greeks Take the Lead".

EVENT REQUEST (*If Possible*): Collaborate with one or more chapters/councils to organize an event that could get "Greeks Take the Lead" credit.

Potential Collaborating MSU Offices

PREVENTION, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
[CONFIDENTIAL]: poe.msu.edu

- Presentations on RVSM Policy, Bystander Intervention, Relationships & Boundaries, Masculinity, Etc.

MSU CENTER FOR SURVIVORS [CONFIDENTIAL]:
centerforsurvivors.msu.edu

- Presentations on Survivor Support

MSU SAFE PLACE [CONFIDENTIAL]: msusafeplace.msu.edu

- Expertise/Services on Relationship Violence & Stalking

LBGT RESOURCE CENTER [CONFIDENTIAL]: lbgtrc.msu.edu

- Workshops and Support for LGBTQ+ Inclusivity

MSU SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM: recsports.msu.edu

- Sexual Assault Workshop & Self-Defense Program

Frequently Asked Questions (Attendance)

Who is required to attend a new president training?

All new fraternity and sorority chapter presidents are **REQUIRED** to attend a training that will aid them in promoting a safe and inclusive culture that is free of sexual and relationship violence.

Who is required to attend a risk manager training?

Any historically-housed chapter is **REQUIRED** have their risk manager (or another leadership position) attend a training on bystander intervention skills and risk reduction strategies, specific to fraternity and sorority dynamics.

Will there be any make-up opportunities for these trainings?

If a chapter president or risk manager is unable to attend their scheduled leadership training, they may attend the training designated for the other position (i.e. presidents can attend a risk manager's training or risk managers may attend a president's training) or have another member in a leadership position substitute for them. Barring unforeseen circumstances, no make-up opportunities outside of these sessions will be scheduled.

Who is required to attend a general member session?

All general fraternity and sorority members are **REQUIRED** to attend one workshop or event pertaining to issues of gender-based violence. The POE Department will offer sessions in the Spring 2020 semester, and individual chapters and councils may propose events to be counted for Greeks Take the Lead credit.

Frequently Asked Questions (General Member Events)

How can I make sure my chapter or council event will be approved?

The Prevention, Outreach and Education department will make every best effort to approve as many events that fulfill the criteria provided above. On the off-chance that we receive a significantly large number of requests, events that are collaborations between multiple chapters/councils, open to multiple chapters/councils or open to the general student population will take priority.

What do I do if someone tells me they are survivor and/or they don't feel safe attending an event?

Inform them to email gttl@msu.edu (which is run by a confidential resource) to request an accommodation for both your event and "Greeks Take the Lead" general member sessions.

When is the last day I can submit a chapter or council event for "Greeks Take the Lead"?

The last day to submit a chapter or council event is April 6th, 2020.

Does my event have to be a training in order to count for "Greeks Take the Lead"?

NO - As long as the event fulfills the criteria presented above, then the event can be whatever you feel fits the needs of your chapter/council best.

Can I submit an event our chapter/council already held for "Greeks Take the Lead"?

NO - No events submitted for approval after they have taken place