To make an informed decision, you should understand the benefits of joining a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative:

- The tight-knit support network created by the fraternity, sorority, and cooperative experiences promote close and lasting friendships.
- All of us are here, first and foremost, as students. The all-fraternity, all-sorority, and all-cooperative grade point averages surpass the all-undergraduate GPA.
- Fraternity, sorority, and cooperative members are committed to the academic success of their organization as a whole, which means being committed to the academic success of each individual member. With mentoring and encouragement from your brothers and sisters, fraternity, sorority, and cooperative life helps keep academic performance your top priority.
- Fraternities, sororities, and cooperatives play an active and prominent role in university events and organizations, such as Purdue University Dance Marathon and athletic events. With so many opportunities for campus involvement, fraternity, sorority, and cooperative members take on leadership positions in other campus organizations and in the academic environment.
- Cooperatives not only allow students live and work together to develop personal, professional, and leadership skills and friendships, they provide the most affordable housing option at Purdue.
SERVICE
Community service and philanthropy drive many of the chapters’ activities. Through hands-on volunteer work and fundraising efforts for nonprofit organizations, every fraternity, sorority, and cooperative makes an impact on the community.

LEADERSHIP
As self-governing organizations, chapters offer many opportunities to take on decision-making and management responsibilities. From holding elected positions within a chapter to organizing committees and projects, each individual can contribute to the organization in a leadership role while building confidence and valuable life skills. Being in a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative opens the door to leadership positions within your chapter as well as on campus. Serving in various leadership roles, such as student government and Mortar Board, fraternity, sorority, and cooperative members have made significant and lasting contributions to Purdue that have improved campus life and fostered school pride.

SCHOLARSHIP
Academics are the reason we’re here. A common concern for many students is if joining a fraternity, sorority, or cooperative will take away from classes and study time. In fact, fraternity, sorority, and cooperative life helps keep students academically focused. Chapters establish strict academic guidelines for their members, and to help make these goals attainable, they offer support, personal guidance, scholarships, tutoring and incentives. All five governing councils encourage academic excellence through chapter awards and recognition. Chapters have GPA requirements for students to become members and remain members in good standing.

FRIENDSHIP
Fraternities, sororities, and cooperatives are built on the tenets of brotherhood and sisterhood. Members not only build close relationships with their brothers or sisters, but they also develop friendships with other members through intramural sports, community service, social functions and philanthropy events. Fraternity, sorority and cooperative life also provides many opportunities for networking throughout college and after graduation.

With over 90 chapters and more than 6,500 members, Purdue has one of the largest fraternity, sorority and cooperative communities in the country, with fraternity, sorority, and cooperative men and women making up about 20 percent of the undergraduate students.

Purdue’s fraternities and sororities are grouped into five groups: Cooperative Housing, Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Panhellenic Association. Purdue University is home to 12 cooperative houses and more than 80 fraternities and sororities. The Interfraternity Council governs 40 men’s fraternities at Purdue. The Multicultural Greek Council governs 11 multicultural fraternities and sororities. The National Pan-Hellenic Council governs 8 historically African-American fraternities and sororities at Purdue. The Panhellenic Association governs 21 women’s fraternities and sororities. The 12 cooperative houses are governed by the Purdue Cooperative Council.