Fraternity & Sorority History Timeline
(Drexel History in Bold)

Early 18th Century – US Colleges & Universities began & Literary Societies began soon after
1750 – Flat Hat Club Society – College of William & Mary (VA)
1751 – P.D.A. Society – College of William & Mary (VA)
1776 – Phi Beta Kappa – College of William & Mary (VA)
1825 – Kappa Alpha Society – Union College (NY)
1827 – Sigma Phi Society – Union College (NY)
1827 – Delta Phi Fraternity – Union College (NY) – first to use term ‘fraternity’
1832 – Alpha Delta Phi – Hamilton College (NY)
1834 – Social Fraternity of William's College (MA) – later Delta Upsilon Fraternity
1837 – Mystical 7 – Wesleyan University
1839 – Beta Theta Pi – Miami University (OH)
1844 – Delta Kappa Epsilon – Yale (MA)
1848 – Phi Delta Theta – Miami University (OH)
1851 – Adelphian Society - Wesleyan Female College (GA) – later Alpha Delta Pi Fraternity – first women’s fraternity
1852 – Philomathea society - Wesleyan Female College (GA) – later Phi Mu Fraternity – 2nd oldest women’s fraternity
1852 – Phi Kappa Psi – Jefferson College (PA)
1855 – Sigma Chi – Miami University (OH)
1856 – Theta Chi – Norwich University (VT)
1856 – Sigma Alpha Epsilon – University of Alabama (AL)
1865 – Alpha Tau Omega – Virginia Military Institute (VA)
1867 – I.C. Sorosis – Monmouth College (IL) – later Pi Beta Phi
1868 – Pi Kappa Alpha – University of Virginia (VA)
1870 – Kappa Alpha Theta – DePauw University (IN) – first Greek letter women’s organization
1891 – Drexel Institute founded
1895 – Alpha Chi Rho – Trinity College (CT)
1898 – Sigma Sigma Sigma – Longwood University (VA)
1899 – Tau Kappa Epsilon – Illinois Wesleyan (IL)
1900 – Lambda Upsilon Delta (C-1908) – First Drexel Fraternity
1901 – Alpha Sigma Alpha – Longwood College (VA)
1901 – Sigma Phi Epsilon – Richmond College (VA)
1902 – National Panhellenic Conference founded
1902 – Delta Zeta – Miami University (OH)
1904 – Pi Kappa Phi – College of Charleston (SC)
1905 – Tau Rho Delta (C-1915)
1906 – Alpha Phi Alpha – Cornell University (NY) – first African American fraternity
1908 – Alpha Kappa Alpha - Howard University (DC) – first African American sorority
1909 – Sigma Alpha Mu – College of the City of New York (NY)
1909 – Alpha Phi (C-1911)
1910 – North American Interfraternity Conference founded
1911 – Kappa Alpha Psi – Indiana University (IN) - African American fraternity
1911 – Omega Psi Phi – Howard University (DC) - African American fraternity
1913 – Alpha Epsilon Pi – New York University (NY)
1913 – Phi Sigma Sigma – Hunter College (NY) – first non-sectarian sorority
1913 – Delta Sigma Theta - Howard University (DC) - African American sorority
1914 – Phi Beta Sigma - Howard University (DC) - African American fraternity
1916 – Rho Psi – Cornell University (NY) – first Asian Fraternity
1917 – Delta Phi Epsilon – New York University Law School (NY)
1919 – Kappa Sigma Delta >1933- Pi Kappa Phi (rc 2008)
1919 – Phi Kappa Beta >1939> Tau Kappa Epsilon
1920 – Zeta Phi Beta - Howard University (DC) - African American sorority
1920 – Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (C)* - Philadelphia City-wide Chapter
1921 – Kappa Delta Phi >1947>Sigma Alpha Mu (rc 2009)
1921 - Phi Delta Mu > Sigma Sigma Sigma (rc 2011) – first Drexel sorority
1922 – Sigma Gamma Rho – Butler University (IN)

1922 – Omega Delta Epsilon > Alpha Sigma Alpha

1924 – Alpha Upsilon Mu > 1941 – Lambda Chi Alpha (rc 2009)

1924 – Kappa Delta Gamma > Delta Sigma Epsilon > 1956 – Delta Zeta

1927 – Delta Sigma Alpha > 1940 – Theta Chi

1930 – NPHC founded

1931 – Phi Iota Alpha – RPI (NY) – oldest active Latino fraternity

1934 – Pi Sigma Gamma (C)

1935 – Alpha Pi Lambda (rc 2006)

1941 – Sigma Omicron Pi (C)

1945 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (rc 2009)* – Philadelphia City-wide Chapter

1947 – Delta Phi Epsilon (rc 2003)

1948 – Phi Tau Delta > 1950 – Sigma Pi (C)

1949 – Delta Kappa Rho > 1965 – Phi Kappa Sigma (C)

1952 – Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity* – Philadelphia City-wide Chapter

1953 – Phi Omega > 1956 – Delta Sigma Phi (rc 2011)

1954 – Alpha Beta Delta > 1955 – Tau Epsilon Phi (C)

1954 – Phi Mu

1959 – Omega Phi >> Phi Sigma Sigma

1962 – Delta Iota > 1965 – Pi Lambda Phi (C)

1963 – Beta Nu (C-1968)

1963 – Iota Phi Theta – Morgan State University (MD) – African American fraternity

1966 – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (rc 2008)* – Philadelphia City-wide Chapter

1966 – Sigma Alpha Theta > 1971 – Sigma Alpha Epsilon (rc 2007)

1980 – Chi Upsilon Sigma - Rutgers (NJ)

1982 – Lambda Upsilon Lambda – Cornell (NY)

1983 – Phi Kappa Sigma (C)

1988 – Lambda Upsilon Lambda (C)* – Philadelphia City-wide Chapter

1992 – Alpha Chi Rho (rc 1997)

1994 – Iota Nu Delta Fraternity – Binghamton University (NY)

1994 – Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority – University of Albany (NY)

1995 – Alpha Epsilon Pi

1996 – Iota Phi Theta (C)

1996 – Sigma Beta Rho Fraternity – University of Pennsylvania (PA)

1997 – Chi Upsilon Sigma Sorority

1997 – Iota Nu Delta Fraternity (rc 2008)

1998 – Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity (C)

1998 – Delta Phi Omega Sorority – University of Houston (TX)

1998 – NALFO founded

1998 – NMGC founded

1999 – Sigma Phi Epsilon

2000 – Delta Phi Omega Sorority* – Philadelphia City-wide Chapter

2001 – Phi Kappa Psi

2001 – Pi Kappa Alpha

2002 – Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority


2004 – Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority (C)

2004 – NAPA founded

2005 – Zeta Phi Beta Sorority (C)

2010 – Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity