

Expansion FAQs

Sigma Chi Fraternity



What is Expansion?

Expansion is the process through which a new chapter of Sigma Chi is formed.

How much does it cost to start a new chapter?

There is a separate fee structure for both individual members and collective Colony fees. The fee structure is as follows:

Per member one-time fees

- \$100 pledge fee
- \$200 initiation fee
- \$100 membership fee during first semester as an initiated member
- \$100 membership fee during second semester as an initiated member

Colony one-time fees

- \$500 Declaration of Intent processing fee
- \$500 Formal Petition processing fee
- \$5,000 Installation fee

Post-initiation fees

- \$160-\$180 insurance fees per member per year

How long does it take to start a chapter?

The average timeline for a Colony to be installed is 14-18 months.

When is a member of a Colony initiated?

Founding and charter members of the Colony will be initiated at the time of the chapter's installation. The installation occurs at the end of the 14-18 month petitioning process.

How will my experience be different from a typical Sigma Chi pledge?

Every new member in Sigma Chi experiences the same educational program. However, founding and charter members should have higher expectations of themselves because the situation requires them to be pledges and colony leaders at the same time.

What support is provided to a Colony?

Every interest group and petitioning local chapter will be provided a Chapter Advisor's Board of at least seven Sigma Chi alumni who will serve the chapter as mentors and advisors. The Fraternity's expansion team (full-time employees of Sigma Chi Headquarters) will also provide development visits each semester to assist with the group's improvement.

If you are in need of additional information, please contact expansion@sigmachicago.org, or (847) 869-3655 ext. 223