

Tau Beta Sigma National Council

Guidance on Off-Campus Membership Education Activities

Note that these restrictions apply to membership education activities with membership candidates or prospective members during rush events and the membership education process. The intent of these guidelines is not to restrict the chapter from congregating or socializing in private residences, rather, these guidelines are to ensure that the recruitment and membership education process is not exclusive nor intimidating to prospective members.

Membership education classes **must** take place on campus in a “neutral” space. Examples of a neutral space include classrooms, the library, the music building, and other academic areas to which students would normally have access. Private rooms in residence halls are not acceptable. Students must follow local campus policies for access to space including hours of access and maximum occupancy.

Mandatory or compulsory membership education activities shall remain on campus. This includes all membership education classes and mandatory membership education events such as fundraisers or service projects, with the following exceptions:

1. Social events or fundraisers that occur at a 3rd –party commercial establishment. Bowling alleys, skating rinks, video game/arcade venues, and other similar social activities that occur at a business are acceptable. Eating at a restaurant would also fall into this category, especially if a profit-share is used as a fundraiser. Please be mindful of the risks regarding transportation to and from these events if it is provided by chapter members.
2. Social or sporting events which occur on public property during times when the location is normally open to the public, e.g. softball, football, soccer, etc., in a public park or on publically accessible fields during normal operating hours.
3. Service projects that are performed alongside Active members that are directly related to band service and must be performed in specific off-campus locations, e.g. moving or repairing band equipment or uniforms at off-campus storage facilities.