Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Nebraska Iota  

Pledge Education Spring 2011  
T, W 8:00-10:00  
Location TBA

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Program Description:

This program is designed to educate new members in the history, policies, traditions, and meaning of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The program prepares the new members to enter into initiated membership within the Chapter as participating and contributing brothers. The program also provides opportunities for growth academically and spiritually. The course is on a pass/fail basis, with a flexible schedule so that participants are able to complete the course in junction with their academic and extracurricular schedules.

Requirements:

New members are asked to attend each class meeting. Perfect attendance is required, and active participation is requested and encouraged for successful completion of the program. Arrangements can be made if conflicts arise; however, notification of an absence must be made at least three days in advance, and material missed must be made up in the new member's own time before one week has passed.

New members will take three quizzes and one cumulative final exam. The final exam must be passed with a grade of at least 90% in order to complete the program. The final exam is scheduled for the 11th class meeting. If a new member does not pass
with a 90% or higher grade on that date, he may retake the exam up to two more times. One-on-one instruction is available to assist any students needing to retake the final exam.

New members are asked to provide a presentation at the 12th meeting, on a topic of their own choice. The pledge educator must approve the topic in advance. Topics must be relevant to the program material.

New members must attend B.A.N.G. or set up a make-up session before the end of the course.

New members are asked to learn four songs in their education process: Hail to the Purple/Hail to the Gold, Violets, Friends, and the ΣAE Yell.

**Required readings:**


**Class Schedule:**

Meeting 1: January 30th  
Syllabus distribution and scheduling  
Basic introduction to the program and scheduling explanation  
Registration with Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Academic registration with Development Chair

Meeting 2: February 1st  
Greek Alphabet  
True Gentleman introduction  
Hints for new members, page 51  
Assignment: Read pages 6. 11-17, and 199

Meeting 3: February 2nd  
True Gentleman explanation  
“Hints” discussion in class  
Pledge badge explanation  
Assignment: Read pages 19-41

Meeting 4: February 8th  
Brothers Hero, Zero, and Nero discussion (pages 30-31)  
Manners and Etiquette  
Analyze the poem on page 39  
Discussion on the aspects of brotherhood (pages 39-40)  
Assignment: Read pages 45-59
Meeting 5: February 9th
   Song Workshop
   Quiz the First
       Assignment: Read pages 131-187
       Note: Break it up into short segments to complete each day

Meeting 6: February 15th
   History of the Fraternity
       Assignment: Skim 75-85, 212-217
       - Prepare for Quiz the Second

Meeting 7: February 16th
   Nebraska Iota History
   Organization of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Province Tau
   Review Song, “Hail to the Purple/Hail to the Gold”
   Quiz the Second
       Presentation of True Gentleman motto to the Chapter

Meeting 8: February 22nd
   Presentation by Alumni/University official
   Guided meditation
   Review Song, “Friends”

Meeting 9: February 23rd
   Group discussions on the nature of being a True Gentleman
   Quiz the Third
       Presentation of True Gentleman; second opportunity
       Presentation of “Hail...” and “Friends” to the Chapter

Meeting 10: March 1st
   Importance of Service
   Opportunities for Growth within the Chapter, College, and Fraternity
   Review Session of the entire course
   Presentation of “Violet” and “∑AE Yell” to the Chapter present

Meeting 11: March 2nd
   Presentation by Alumni/University official
   Final Exam

Meeting 12: March 16th
   Presentations by New Members
   Final Exams returned
   Dates set for re-take opportunities
   Guided Meditation
   Marking for Neophyte status, as applicable