

Sigma Alpha Mu 5-Year History

This report shows a comprehensive judicial history for Sigma Alpha Mu the 5 years leading up to their loss of university recognition and includes any reports the university has received about the organization since. Below you will find some descriptions and definitions of the different sections of the report.

- **Investigating Entity:** The entity that oversaw the investigation. These entities can work in partnership or independently, depending on the details of the allegation.
 - Dean of Students (DOS)– University of Arizona Student Assistance and Accountability
 - Greek Standards Board (GSB)– Community Peer Judicial Board
 - Headquarters (HQ) – organization headquarters/[inter]national offices
- **Alleged Policy Violation:** these policies can be found on the overseeing department’s website. Please note some policies may have changed since the allegation. All university policies are available for public viewing, headquarters policies may be known to members/HQ staff only.
- **Outcome:** At the conclusion of an investigation, an outcome will be given. Throughout the investigation, it can be determined that an organization is not responsible but individual members are.
 - Responsible: More like than not the chapter/chapter members committed the allegation.
 - Not Responsible: Evidence shows organization did not commit the allegation -OR- insufficient evidence to determine responsibility.
- **Nature of Complaint:** a copy or summary of the report that resulted in an investigation.
- **Sanctions:** actions that must be completed for the chapter’s good-standing to be re-instated

Once an organization has lost university recognition, the university has no jurisdiction to investigate reports. If the university receives reports of known or suspected policy violations, the is sent to local law enforcement (if applicable) and the national organization.

Semester	Investigating Entity	Chapter	[Alleged] Policy violation	Outcome	Nature of complaint	Sanctions
Spring 2026	Dean of Students	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/15. Alcohol, 19. Hazing, 2. Endangering/Threat/Cause Harm, 26. Violation of State or Federal Law, 4. Other Published Rules	Responsible	On April 22, 2026, the Dean of Students Office received a report that Sigma Alpha Mu's new members were being subjected to hazing. Specifically, the report stated that new members had experienced burns from hot liquids, forced consumption of alcohol, alcohol poisoning, and blackouts, resulting in the hospitalization of Sigma Alpha Mu members.	Loss of Recognition
Spring 2026	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/11. Interfering w/University Activities; 21. Discriminatory Activities	Responsible	Members of Sigma Alpha Mu were witnessed on the roof of the chapter facility playing offensive, derogatory phrases repeatedly over their loudspeakers. This occurred in the middle of the afternoon while nearby classes were in session.	Submit a typed apology letter to affected party acknowledging harm caused by the incident and affirming chapter's commitment to respectful conduct.

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Spring 2026	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Social Events Policy - Article I. Section K.	Responsible	UAPD reported to FSP that many people were observed walking in and out of the residence at Sigma Alpha Mu, females included. A bottle was observed on the main stairwell. After speaking with the president he advised that bid night had ended at 2230 and was under the assumption that live-in members could have people over after. 1 person per member.	Create a comprehensive presentation covering the definition of a social event and procedures for event registration, then present it to the chapter with 75% attendance.
Spring 2026	Dean of Students	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/7. Failure to Comply, 8. Forgery/Unauthorized Alteration	Responsible	Alleged forged signatures on paperwork, delinquent status on prior DOS sanctions, placed in Bad Standing with FSP on 3/2/26 due to missing paperwork, still on probation. Chapter was referred to DOS for the forgery given the current status of the organization.	Monetary Sanction, Activities Suspension w/ Alcohol, Risk Management Policy Review, Alcohol Education Program, Monthly HQ Meetings, University Probation
Fall 2025	Dean of Students	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/15. Alcohol, 2. Endangering/Threat/Cause Harm	Responsible	On October 24, 2025, UAPD and U of A staff referred Sigma Alpha Mu to the Dean of Students Office for alleged alcohol violations, including incidents that occurred on October 9, 2025, October 15, 2025, and October 16, 2025. These incidents involved harm to individuals who acquired/consumed alcohol at Sigma Alpha Mu while under the legal drinking age.	1. Monetary Sanction of 121 members x \$25 = \$3,025; 2. Alcohol Education: hosting comprehensive alcohol education program with 100% attendance; 3. Risk Management Policy Review; 4. University Probation
Fall 2024	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/2. Endangering	Responsible	Members of Sigma Alpha Mu verbally harassed a referee following a close match at a philanthropy kickball tournament hosted by Alpha Chi Omega.	Provide apology letters to the referees working the kickball tournament and to the host chapter, Alpha Chi Omega.
Fall 2024	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Residential Facility Recognition Policy Article III. Neighborhood Feedback Process	Responsible	On Monday, 11/4/24, Greer Vinnall was contacted by UA Facilities Mgmt and UA Real Estate regarding dumpster overflow and excessive trash at Sigma Alpha Mu property, with photos dated 10/31/24 and 11/4/24.	Provide handwritten apology letter to UA Facilities Management; Continue to keep area and street free of chapter trash

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Fall 2023	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	2. Endangering, threatening, or causing physical harm to any member of the university community 4. Violation of, or attempt to violate, other rules that may be adopted by the board or by the university. 7. Failure to comply with the directions of university officials or agents, including law enforcement or security officers, acting in the good faith performance of their duties. 9. Unauthorized presence in or unauthorized use of university property, resources, or facilities. 21. Engaging in discriminatory activities, including harassment and retaliation, as prohibited by applicable law or university policy.	Responsible	The incident, which occurred on October 17, 2023, involved a physical altercation between two residents, along with the involvement of members from two different fraternities, Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Delta Theta. The altercation took place in the northwest common space of [...]. It was reported that one of the residents instigated the fight, using offensive slurs, and then engaged in "rough housing" that escalated into a physical confrontation, resulting in one resident punching the other. Both residents involved appeared to be intoxicated. Following the altercation, both residents called their fraternity pledge class for “backup”, which led to a group of intoxicated individuals arriving at the dorm and causing further disturbance, including verbal harassment and physical aggression toward other residents.	1. Write an apology letter to the RA's involved in the event. 2. Require each new member to write a one- page double-spaced reflective essay responding to the following prompts: a. Their perspective of the event b. How the situation could have been prevented c. The importance of Greek community relations
Fall 2023	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Article I. General Policies Point B. The chapter/organization, members and guests must comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws. No person under the legal drinking age may possess, consume, provide or be provided alcoholic beverages.	Not responsible	On or about September 25, 2023 it was reported that Sigma Alpha Mu provided alcohol to an underage person.	Not responsible: No sanctions
Fall 2022	Dean of Students	Sigma Alpha Mu	NA	Dismissed	A member of Sigma Alpha Mu was caught on video allegedly using a racial slur during a verbal altercation, and was dropped from the chapter. The mother of this member filed a report to DOS stating witnesses of the incident said this individual did not use racist language, and alleges that these accusations are false.	Case dismissed: No sanctions

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Fall 2022	Dean of Students	Sigma Alpha Mu	Code of Conduct/15. Alcohol	Not responsible	On or about October 19, 2022, a UA student reported to UAPD that they had been served and consumed alcohol at a registered event at the [...] house, and unregistered "late nights," at the [...] and Sigma Alpha Mu houses. The incident was referred to the Dean of Students Office for alleged violations of the Code of Conduct.	Not responsible: No sanctions
Spring 2022	Headquarters	Sigma Alpha Mu	HQ policies and procedures	NA	Alleged sexual assault that took place at the Sigma Alpha Mu facility during a Sigma Alpha Mu event on the night of 3/3/22. The alleged perpetrator was not a UA student but was a guest of a Sigma Alpha Mu member.	
Fall 2021	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Fraternity and Sorority Programs - Social Events Policy.Article I. General Policies Section B. Article I. General Policies Section E. .Article I. General Policies Section F. Article I. General Policies Section I.	Responsible	Sigma Alpha Mu HQ received a report that an individual was transported to the hospital shortly after departing the Beta Gamma chapter house. Information was provided that underage individuals did have access to beer (potentially from a keg) and wine (from a bag) at the Sigma Alpha Mu facility that day. Additionally, Sigma Alpha Mu HQ learned that the individual who was transported was also at another fraternity house that day.	Sigma Alpha Mu must provide a detailed outline of risk management procedures and policies for an event that must include a description of the “distribution center,” and how you will identify those that are 21.
Spring 2021	Greek Standards Board	Sigma Alpha Mu	Philanthropy Advisory Board Bylaws, Section II, Point 2, Subpoint b	Responsible	Sigma Alpha Mu conducted their sweetheart’s week competition which included an Instagram competition. The captions on the photos of contestants that were posted were not in good taste and were in violation of PAB's bylaws. Many of the captions included references to alcohol and underage drinking. Phrases used include "minoring in Thirsty Thursday's" , "hosting pre-games for the boys", "cruzing with the boys to bens pitcher night" , "if she wins she'll use her bartender talents to their fullest potential" , and "how amazing the water tastes after a night out" . PAB can provide screenshots of the posts made if necessary.	1. Mock register and plan a philanthropy event with [...]. This event will NOT be held but should be used to discuss strategies to implement at future events that abide by all PAB Bylaws and the Student Code of Conduct. 2. Create at least 5 captions your chapter could potentially use for a philanthropy event that are in good taste.