



**RISE Accreditation**

The **RISE Accreditation** program serves as a guide of excellence for each chapter within Metropolitan State University of Denver’s (MSU Denver) Fraternity and Sorority community. Below details guiding benchmarks for all chapters to achieve that serve the community’s mission. These guiding principles serve as a path for chapters to strive for, to continue being leaders of the Metro Denver community. Chapters can earn up to 200 points throughout the year. In 2023, in collaboration with the MSU Denver Fraternity and Sorority Life student staff, professional Greek-lettered affiliated staff, and chapter presidents, the updated RISE Accreditation was created to provide a more robust quantitative and qualitative analysis of each chapter’s impact per year.

MSU Denver recognizes that sororities and fraternities are an integral part of the campus community. These organizations have a positive impact for members, nonmembers, alumni, and the local and national community. To achieve mutual success for the institution and the fraternity and sorority organizations, there must be trust and shared responsibility. This document outlines the commitments of the University, the Center for Equity and Student Achievement (CESA), the Center for Multicultural Engagement and Inclusion’s Fraternity and Sorority Life (CMEIFSL), fraternity and sorority organizations, (inter)national organizations, fraternity and sorority volunteers, and student members.

CMEIFSL will provide training, aid, and resources for all fraternal organizations to meet the RISE Accreditation requirements. Fraternities and Sororities at MSU Denver are expected to reach the minimum expectations set forth in this document. Organizations not achieving minimum expectations will work in conjunction with CMEIFSL’s team to create plans for improvement and future success. Fraternities and Sororities recognized by CMEIFSL will be required to achieve these standards. Fraternities and Sororities will experience requirements above and beyond those of other registered student organizations. All fraternity and sorority organizations will be given ample support in order to maintain compliance with these standards. CMEIFSL will coordinate check-ins to assist the organization president and advisors in determining their progress to becoming a chapter of excellence.

Additionally, CMEIFSL will conduct an annual review of the standards each spring term. The RISE Accreditation standards are subject to change as our organizations continually improve. All constituents will be made aware of any changes prior to the start of the next academic year. Organizations will need to turn in proper documentation for review on their achievement of these standards each year.

The RISE Accreditation will have the following categories: Academic Excellence, Philanthropy and Service, Leadership Development and Programming, Chapter Development, and Chapter Operations. These categories will determine the chapter standings for the following year. Chapters will be graded based on the academic year cycle.

<b>Chapter Standings</b>	
<b>Chapter of the Year</b>	The organization(s) with the highest point totals across the community.
<b>Distinguished Standard</b>	Organizations with 160-200 points
<b>Accomplished Standard</b>	Organizations with 110-160 points
<b>Functional Standard</b>	Organizations with 39-110 points

Chapters that fall under 50 points will work with CMEIFSL to develop a performance improvement plan. When chapters do not meet minimum standards, the following plans will be enacted:

- Year 1: Chapter president will meet with CMEIFSL staff to develop an action plan to meet minimum standards that is shared with chapter advisor.
- Year 2 (consecutive): Chapter leadership, CMEIFSL, chapter advisor(s), and inter/national headquarters representative(s) will meet to discuss the previous years’ Rise Accreditation performance, the chapter’s relevancy to the community, an improvement plan, goals for the next year’s Rise Accreditation cycle, and an agreed upon coaching sessions for the upcoming year.

### Academic Excellence (total points possible: 30)

- GPA Requirements (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for chapter adhering to minimum GPA requirement above CMEIFSL minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA by at least 0.25 grade points
    - 3 Points for chapter adhering to minimum GPA requirement above CMEIFSL minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA by at least 0.1 grade points
  - Reviewed by: Fall and Spring Academic Report & in chapter bylaws
- New Member Spring term GPA (1.5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 1.5 points for new member/ intake group term GPA is greater by 0.10 grade points than the male/ female term GPA for the spring term
    - 1 point for new member/ intake group term GPA is not more than 0.05 grade points below that all male/ female GPA for the spring term
    - 0.5 points for new member/ intake group term GPA is not more than 0.15 grade points below the all-male/ female term GPA for the spring term
  - Reviewed by: Spring Academic Report
- New Member Fall term GPA (1.5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 1.5 points for new member/ intake group term GPA is greater by 0.10 grade points than the male/ female term GPA for the fall term
    - 1 point for new member/ intake group term GPA is not more than 0.05 grade points below that all male/ female GPA for the fall term
    - 0.5 points for new member/ intake group term GPA is not more than 0.15 grade points below the all-male/ female term GPA for the fall term
  - Reviewed by: Fall Academic Report
- Chapter Spring term GPA (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for the overall chapter term GPA is greater by at least 0.10 grade points than the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the spring term
    - 3 points for the overall chapter term GPA is not more than 0.05 grade points below the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the spring term
    - 1 point for the overall chapter term GPA is not more than 0.15 grade pints below the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the spring term
  - Reviewed by: Spring Academic Report
- Chapter Fall term GPA (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for the overall chapter term GPA is greater by at least 0.10 grade points than the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the fall term
    - 3 points for the overall chapter term GPA is not more than 0.05 grade points below the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the fall term
    - 1 point for the overall chapter term GPA is not more than 0.15 grade pints below the all-male/ female cumulative GPA at the end of the fall term
  - Reviewed by: Fall Academic Reports
- New Member Spring term cumulative GPA (1.5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 1.5 points for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 3.0 for the spring term

- 1 point for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 2.75 for the spring term
      - 0.5 points for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 2.5
    - Reviewed by: Spring Academic Report
  - New Member Fall term cumulative GPA (1.5 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 1.5 points for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 3.0 for the fall term
      - 1 point for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 2.75 for the fall term
      - 0.5 points for the overall new member/ intake group cumulative GPA is above a 2.5 for the fall term
    - Reviewed by: Fall Academic Report
  - Executive Board GPA (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for chapter requiring all members holding executive board positions to have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
      - 2 points for chapter requiring all members holding executive board positions to have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA
      - 1 point for chapter requiring all members holding executive board positions to have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
    - Reviewed by: Academic Report(s)
  - Academic Chair (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for chapter who has an academic chair who is dedicated to improving the chapter's academic standing AND an advisor who assists the chapter to enforce academic expectations and assists with programs
      - 2 points for chapter who has an academic chair who is dedicated to improving the chapter's academic standing.
    - Reviewed by: Fall and Spring Academic Report & in chapter bylaws
  - Academic Expectation (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for chapter that has all four of the following:
        - 1. mentorship for new and/or struggling members
        - 2. incentives for members with high or improving GPAs
        - 3. holds academic themed programming
        - 4. has an honor/ academic integrity code
      - 2.5 points for chapter that has three of the following:
        - 1. mentorship for new and/or struggling members
        - 2. incentives for members with high or improving GPAs
        - 3. holds academic themed programming
        - 4. has an honor/ academic integrity code
      - 2 points for chapter that has two of the following:
        - 1. mentorship for new and/or struggling members
        - 2. incentives for members with high or improving GPAs
        - 3. holds academic themed programming
        - 4. has an honor/ academic integrity code
      - 1.5 points for chapter that has one of the following:

- 1. mentorship for new and/or struggling members
- 2. incentives for members with high or improving GPAs
- 3. holds academic themed programming
- 4. has an honor/ academic integrity code
- 1 point for chapter that utilizes a written academic expectation system/ policy for all members that includes penalties for falling below a minimum standard and has an academic program used to improve members academics.
- How Submit: Fall and Spring Academic Report, chapter bylaws, & documentation of academic programs

**Philanthropy and Service (total points possible: 23)**

- Day of Service (2 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 2 points for chapter who participates in 3 or more campus wide day of service with at least 50% of chapter attendance (ACSP Clean Ups, MLK Day of Service, etc.)
    - 1 point for chapter who participates in 1 campus wide day of service with at least 50% of chapter attendance (ACSP Clean Ups, MLK Day of Service, etc.)
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation
- Community philanthropy support (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for at least 25% of Chapter members attend and Chapter donates to 4 other Greek Chapter philanthropy events
    - 2 points for at least 25% of Chapter members attend and Chapter donates to 2 other Greek Chapter philanthropy events
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation (Photos, attendance, & donation receipt)
- Chapter donations (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter who donates items to a charitable organization at least twice a year (school supplies, toys, clothes, canned food, etc.)
    - 2 points for Chapter who donates items to a charitable organization once a year (school supplies, toys, clothes, canned food, etc.)
  - How Submit: Chapter spreadsheet & pictures
- Chapter philanthropy (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter who has a designated local and/or national philanthropy **AND** hosts an event for the organization raising funds and/or awareness.
    - 3 points for Chapter who has a designated local and/or national philanthropy
  - How Submit: Chapter Bylaws/ Registration & Chapter documentation
- Community service hours (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter who donates a minimum of 20 hours per member per year of hands-on work for charitable organizations
    - 3 points for Chapter who donates a minimum of 10 hours per member per year of hands-on work for charitable organizations
    - 2 points for Chapter who donates 5 hours per member per year of hands-on work for charitable organizations
  - How Submit: Chapter spreadsheet, Roadrunner Link & documentation
- Chapter philanthropic efforts (5 points)
  - How to earn points:

- 5 points for Chapter that raises and donates an average of \$50 per member to their philanthropic partners
- 3 points for Chapter that raises and donates an average of \$35 per member to their philanthropic partners
- 2 points for Chapter that raises and donates an average of \$25 per member to their philanthropic partners
- How Submit: Chapter spreadsheet & Roadrunner Link

#### Leadership Development/ Programming (total points possible: 45)

- Chapter led leadership program (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that hosts and coordinates a Leadership Development program on campus, open to Auraria Students and community.
    - 3 points for Chapter that co-hosts a Leadership Development program on campus, open to Auraria Students and community.
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation
- Leadership programs attended (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for 85%+ of Chapter attend a MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department hosted Leadership Program
    - 2 points for 50%+ of Chapter attend a MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department hosted Leadership Program
    - 1 point for 25%+ of Chapter attend a MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department hosted Leadership Program
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation
- Leadership program collaboration with Auraria Department/Office (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter collaborates with an MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department or Office to host an academic, ethic, or well-being program with 85%+ Chapter attendance
    - 2 points for Chapter collaborates with an MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department or Office to host an academic, ethic, or well-being program with 50%+ Chapter attendance
    - 1 point for Chapter collaborates with an MSU Denver/Auraria Campus Department or Office to host an academic, ethic, or well-being program with 25%+ Chapter attendance
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation
- Academic Excellence programming (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter hosts or attends four programs per year for Academic Excellence with 70% chapter attendance
    - 2 points for Chapter hosts or attends three programs per year for Academic Excellence with 70% chapter attendance
    - 1 point for Chapter hosts or attends two programs per year for Academic Excellence with 70% chapter attendance
  - How Submit: Program Report Form
- Siblinghood programming (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that hosts or attends three programs per year for Siblinghood with 70% chapter attendance
    - 2 points for Chapter that hosts or attends two programs per year for Siblinghood with 70% chapter attendance

- 1 point for Chapter that hosts or attends one program per year for Siblinghood with 70% chapter attendance
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Inclusivity programming (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter that hosts or attends three programs per year for Inclusivity with 70% chapter attendance
      - 2 points for Chapter that hosts or attends two programs per year for Inclusivity with 70% chapter attendance
      - 1 point for Chapter that hosts or attends one program per year for Inclusivity with 70% chapter attendance
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Ethic programming (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter that hosts or attends three programs per year for Ethics with 70% chapter attendance
      - 2 points for Chapter that hosts or attends two programs per year for Ethics with 70% chapter attendance
      - 1 point for Chapter that hosts or attends one program per year for Ethics with 70% chapter attendance
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Relationship building programming (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter that hosts or attends four programs per year for building relationships with 70% chapter attendance
      - 2 points for Chapter that hosts or attends three programs per year for building relationships with 70% chapter attendance
      - 1 point for Chapter that hosts or attends two program per year for building relationships with 70% chapter attendance
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Alumni programming (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter that hosts at least two alumni events per year
      - 2 points for Chapter hosts one alumni event per year
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Parent & Family programming (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter hosts one parents event per year
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Program collaboration with another organization (3 points)
    - How to earn points:
      - 3 points for Chapter co-programs at least two events with two other Greek organizations and one event with a non-Greek organization at MSU Denver/Auraria
      - 2 points for Chapter co-programs at least two events with two other Greek organizations
      - 1 point for Chapter co-programs at least two events with two other Greek organizations
    - How Submit: Program Report Form
  - Chapter involvement (5 points)

- How to earn points:
  - 5 points for 100% of members are involved in one (1) organization and at least 50% are involved in more than one organization outside the chapter (on or off campus; includes employment)
  - 3 points for 100% of members are involved in one organization outside the chapter (on or off campus; includes employment)
  - 2 points for At least 75% of members are involved in one organization outside the chapter (on or off campus; includes employment)
- How Submit: Chapter documentation and rosters
- Chapter member leadership (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for At least 10% of members are involved as elected or appointed officers in organizations or in leadership positions outside the chapter
    - 3 points for At least 5% of members are involved as elected or appointed officers in organizations or in leadership positions outside the chapter
  - How Submit: Chapter documentation and rosters

#### Chapter Development (total points possible: 37)

- Chapter office transition (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that has detailed job descriptions for all executive board officers & chairs and binders or electronic files for all executive board officers and conducts a formal transition process during the semester after elections for all executive board officers & chairs and the chapter advisor is involved in the transition process.
    - 2 points for Chapter that has detailed job descriptions for all executive board officers & chairs and binders or electronic files for all executive board officers and conducts a formal transition process during the semester after elections for all executive board officers & chairs
    - 1 point for Chapter that has detailed job descriptions for all executive board officers & chairs and binders or electronic files for all executive board officers
    - 0.5 points for Chapter that has detailed job descriptions for all executive board officers & chairs
  - How Submit: Chapter bylaws, documentation & Transition retreat agenda
- Chapter retreats (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter conducts a retreat each semester to review information and set/review goals and includes advisor(s) and/or campus professionals in all retreats
    - 2 points for Chapter conducts a retreat each semester to review information and set/review goals from the retreat from the semester prior and includes advisors and/or campus professionals in at least one retreat per year
    - 1.5 points for Chapter conducts a retreat each semester to review information and set/review goals from the retreat from the semester prior.
    - 1 point for Chapter that conducts one retreat to review information as a part of officer transition each year and sets goals to accomplish at the start of the next term
    - 0.5 points for Chapter that conducts one retreat to review information as a part of officer transition each year
  - How Submit: Retreat agendas and goals
- President's Forums (3 points)
  - How to earn points:





- 2 points for at least two chapter representative attending national/regional organization conferences each year when offered and permitted
    - 1 point for at least one chapter representative attending national/regional organization conferences each year when offered
  - How Submit: Chapter registration & photos
- Organization Awards (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that applies for and receives National or Regional awards through their Inter/National organization
    - 2 points for Chapter that applies for National or Regional awards through their Inter/National organization
  - How Submit: Chapter awards submission documentation, awards, etc.
- Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference (2 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 2 points for Chapter that has at least one member apply to attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference with CMEIFSL
  - Reviewed by: AFLV Application(s)
- FSL Awards Celebration (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that applies for awards and recognition at the annual Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards Celebration
  - Reviewed by: Chapter awards submission(s)

#### Chapter Operations (total points possible: 65)

- Chapter membership sustainability (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter membership is 5 undergraduates or higher.
    - 3 points for Chapter that has a recruitment plan, strategic goals for the recruitment process, and a growth plan for the year if they have fallen below expectation (at least 5 undergraduates for MGC chapters or total for PAN) in the past academic year.
  - Reviewed by: Chapter Roster and recruitment goals/ plans
- Chapter growth (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that increases its size by 26% or more each year or maximizes "total/quota" each semester
    - 4 points for Chapter that increases its size by 16 to 25% each year
    - 3 points for Chapter that increases its size by 5 to 15% each year or maximizes "total/quota" in at least one semester.
  - Reviewed by: Chapter Roster
- New member initiation rate (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that initiates at least 90% of its total new member/intake class of the year.
    - 4 points for Chapter that initiates at least 85% of its total new member/intake class for the year.
    - 3 points for Chapter that initiates at least 80% of its total new member/intake class for the year.
  - Reviewed by: Chapter Roster & New Member Intake forms
- Chapter Member retention rate (5 points)

- How to earn points:
  - 5 points for Chapter that retains 95% of its active members for the year. (Does not include members removed due to graduation, transfer, or action initiated by the chapter.)
  - 4 points for Chapter that retains 90% of its active members for the year. (Does not include members removed due to graduation, transfer, or action initiated by the chapter.)
  - 3 points for Chapter that retains 85% of its active members for the year. (Does not include members removed due to graduation, transfer, or action initiated by the chapter.)
- Reviewed by: Chapter Roster
- Social media etiquette (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for all publicity and promotions that are in good taste and appropriate nature (no use of alcohol symbols, no inappropriate innuendos, bashing of other organizations, etc.) The chapter has not had any social media related infractions for inappropriate postings.
  - Reviewed by: Social Media review by committee
- Chapter outreach (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that conducts outreach to alumni and/or parents through a newsletter or similar project at least twice per year
    - 2 points for Chapter that conducts outreach to alumni and/or parents through a newsletter or similar project once per year
  - How Submit: Newsletter
- Active member status (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that is up to date on payments and pays all national dues in full by due date
  - How Submit: Chapter advisor or NHQ letter/ portal
- Chapter binder organization (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter president meets with CMEIFSL Assistant Director for one-on-one meetings to go over their binder for this process throughout the Spring and Fall semester **and** signs up for a presentation timeslot by the designated deadline.
    - 4 points for Chapter president meets with CMEIFSL Assistant Director for one-on-one meetings to go over their binder for this process throughout the Spring and Fall semester **and** completes and turns in their binder by the first week of classes the following Spring semester.
    - 3 points for Chapter president meets with CMEIFSL Assistant Director for one-on-one meetings to go over their binder for this process throughout the Spring and Fall semester.
  - Reviewed by: Chapter binders
- Chapter communication (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that responds to communication from University and CMEIFSL team in an effective manner and participates in special meetings, as needed.
    - 4 points for Chapter that responds to communication from University and CMEIFSL team in an effective manner.

- Reviewed by: CMEIFSL team communication(s)
- Paperwork submission (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that submits all paperwork and requirements by established deadlines
  - Reviewed by: Documentation
- New Member Intake paperwork submission (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that submits all New Member Intake/Recruitment paperwork and requirements by established deadlines
  - Reviewed by: Documentation
- Chapter roster updates (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that updates member & officer roster with CMEIFSL team at the beginning of the Fall Semester & Spring Semester (2nd week)
    - 3 points for Chapter that updates member & officer roster with CMEIFSL team at the beginning of either the Fall Semester or the Spring Semester (2nd week)
  - Reviewed by: Roster Updates
- Roadrunner Link Registration (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for Chapter that successfully completes Roadrunner Link registration, Officer trainings, and Advisor Trainings by deadline
    - 2 points for Chapter that successfully completes Roadrunner Link registration and Officer trainings, by deadline
    - 1 point for Chapter that successfully completes Roadrunner Link registration
  - Reviewed by: Student Organization registration
- Chapter Conduct (5 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 5 points for Chapter that has not received any Conduct violations
  - Reviewed by: Conduct Records
- Council Delegates (3 points)
  - How to earn points:
    - 3 points for a Chapter that has a designated Council delegate who regularly attends and contributes to General Board meetings with 1 or less absences
    - 2 points for a Chapter that has a designated Council delegate who regularly attends and contributes to General Board meetings with 2 or less absences
    - 1 point for a Chapter that has a designated Council delegate who regularly attends and contributes to General Board meetings with 3 or less absences
  - Reviewed by: Council Minutes and Attendance records