

CONSTITUTION
of the
Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND GOALS

Section I. Purpose

The purpose shall be to promote the understanding of political science and government among its members and throughout the campus.

Section II. Objectives

The major objectives shall be to (1) stimulate scholarship and interest in the subject of government, (2) promote worthwhile curricular and extracurricular activities related to political science, and (3) sponsor speakers, panels, and discussion in the subject of political science.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Eligibility

1. Qualifications of students for membership include high scholarship and interest in political science, junior or senior status, majoring or minoring in any program offered through the Department of Political Science at UCA, and the following qualifications:
 - a. completion of at least 10 credit hours of political science courses, at least one of which must be at the 3000 level or higher, with no grade lower than a B in any of these courses,
 - b. rank in the top 1/3 of one's graduating class
2. Any member of the faculty of the Department of Political Science at UCA may become a member of the chapter.

3. Any student or faculty with Pi Sigma Alpha membership at another institution enrolling as a student or serving as a faculty member at UCA shall be deemed a member of the Alpha Delta Theta chapter.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section I. Requirements for Officers

1. The officers of the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha must meet the following requirements; (1) have a 3.000 cumulative grade point average; (2) be an enrolled student in good standing with the University of Central Arkansas.

Section II. Officers and Duties

President – Shall preside over regular and executive meetings, coordinate group activities, and communicate with the officers and advisors on all matters.

Vice President – Shall assist president and preside over meetings in the absence of the president.

Secretary – Shall record minutes at all business meetings, check attendance at functions, and receive and review excuses for absences.

Treasurer – Shall collect dues, pay bills, oversee other monetary transactions including fund raising and social activities, and prepare and maintain an annual budget.

ARTICLE V ELECTION, REPLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section I. Election Process

1. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting during the month of September. A quorum (51% of total membership) must be present and a simple majority vote will win; newly elected officers shall assume responsibility at the meeting following elections.
2. The term of office for officers shall be two semesters.

Section II. Replacement of Officer Vacancies

1. In case of a vacancy in any office, a new officer shall be elected to complete the term. Such election shall be held during the meeting following that which the announcement of a vacancy takes place. The office of President, however, shall be occupied by the Vice President for the remainder of the term.

Section II. Removal of an Officer

1. Officers are subject to removal from office by the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha and/or the organization's faculty advisor should the requirements in Article IV, Section I, and is violated. A quorum (see Article VI, Section III) must be present at the meeting and a two-thirds majority vote obtained to remove an officer.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section I. Regular Meetings

1. Regular meetings of the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha at UCA shall be held at least twice per semester.

Section II. Called/Special Meetings

1. A called/special meeting of the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha shall be held when the officers vote to have one. A called/special meeting shall be defined as any meeting other than a regular meeting.

Section III. Quorum Defined

1. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the total membership + 1 and must be present to conduct business.

ARTICLE VII ADVISOR

Section I. Selection

1. The advisor must be a faculty/staff member.
2. The advisor shall be a member of the Department of Political Science.

3. The advisor will be selected by the entire membership at the second regularly scheduled meeting in the fall and serve for two (2) semesters or one (1) year term.
4. The advisor shall attend business meetings and to the best of his/her ability, see that the organization's purposes/activities are within University policy.

ARTICLE VIII STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES/CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Section II. Standing/Special Committees

1. Committees may be created and/or dissolved by the Executive Council (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). Such committees shall discharge such responsibilities as may be assigned by the Executive Council.

Section II. Constitutional Revision

1. The constitution may be revised or amended at any meeting provided notice has been give to members prior to that meeting as to the need for such revision or amendment. A proposed amendment will go into effect if approved by a two-thirds majority of quorum (see Article VI, section III).

ARTICLE X FINANCES

Section I. Accounting Year

1. The accounting year for the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha will be from July 1 to June 30th. The funds of this organization shall be accrued by fees, fines, dues, and by such other means as the organization shall determine.

Section II. Dues

1. Dues shall be \$5 per semester and will be collected from all members of the Alpha Delta Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha.

Section III. Monetary Transactions

1. In order for a monetary transaction to take place (sign check, deposit, etc.) and be authorized, it must be approved by both advisor and treasurer. All organization transactions (should/must) have the signature of the treasurer and advisor.

Section IV. Contracts

1. In order for a contract to be binding, both advisor and President must sign the contract.

Section II. Dissolution of Organization and Allocation of Remaining Funds

1. Should the organization be dissolved for any reason, all the monies will go to the UCA Alumni Scholarship Fund (or other non-profit entity).

Date

Signature of Advisor

Date

Signature of Student Organizer

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Director of Greek Programs & Leadership
Development

Date