



ALPHA
GAMMA
OMEGA



CHRIST-CENTERED
FRATERNITY

Purposes

Alpha Gamma Omega, a National Christ-Centered Fraternity, is a brotherhood that aims to:

1. Win others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
2. Promote Christian fellowship
3. Present Christian ideals in word and deed
4. Search reverently for the truth
5. Uphold the traditions and ideals of the university
6. Deepen the spiritual lives of the members

Discipleship • Scripture • Relationships • Evangelism

ΑΓΩ

Identity Statement

As a social fraternity on college campuses, our Christ-Centered brotherhood seeks to know, love, and glorify God and be used by Him to establish, equip, and encourage lifelong followers of God.

BE
DISCIPLES



MAKE
DISCIPLES

TOGETHER

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
(2 Timothy 2:15)

HISTORY

of Alpha Gamma Omega

In early 1927, E. Harlan Fischer and 2 other young men at UCLA hosted a dinner to discuss the possibility of establishing a Christian club on campus. They felt that a Christian fraternity would be more reputable, drafted a constitution, and held their first meeting on February 15, 1927.



Even back then, the word “Christian” was used loosely. The fraternity was founded as being “Christ-Centered” to make the character of AGO clear – that it was for men who were earnest in their desire to win others to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The earnestness of their desire would be backed up by their actions.

The primary purpose of AGO was to provide Christian fellowship for born again men thrown into an atmosphere of Godlessness and to give forth a testimony to others of the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. – Founder E. Harlan Fischer

Today, 90 years since the founding of Alpha Gamma Omega, the Fraternity is still committed to following Christ and upholding the truth of His gospel. Thousands of men have served Christ at our chapters and now serve Him around the world.

Introduction

Our ΑΓΩ chapters are more than just fraternity houses or dwellings. They are HUBS OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. They are **a core in which lifelong friendships are forged**. They are *epicenters of spiritual growth and maturity*. They are brotherhoods. They are *homes*. They are **communities** of college men actively seeking to grow in their relationships with their brothers in Christ and with God. **This is ΑΓΩ.**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

We are excited to hear about your interest in Alpha Gamma Omega. If you are interested in joining an already existing chapter, please contact Owen Welch at owen.welch@ago.org and he will put you in contact with somebody at the relevant chapter.

If you are interested in the process for starting a chapter, also please contact Owen. He is here to help you through the colonization process. Please note that the final decision concerning whether you and your group of college men will receive the right to start an ΑΓΩ chapter rests with our national leadership. Our staff, national leadership, advisors, and chapters will walk with you throughout the process, help you, and pray for you. We look forward to it!

Thank you for your interest in ΑΓΩ.



Chapters and Leaders

Alpha – UCLA
Beta – UC Berkeley
Gamma – CSU Long Beach
Epsilon – SDSU
Zeta – UCSB
Eta – Fresno State
Kappa – San Luis Obispo
Xi – University of Colorado, Boulder
Omicron – UNC Charlotte
Pi – USC
Rho – Colorado State University
Tau – Santa Clara University
Upsilon – Appalachian State University
Chi – Lynchburg, VA
Psi – West Chester University
Omega – University of Virginia's College at Wise

National President – Hector Perea
Full Time Staff – Owen Welch
VP Collegiate Affairs – CJ Moss
VP Alumni – Chris Olson
Chaplain – Nick Davis
Treasurer – David Shokair
Secretary – Kyle Krikorian



WHY DO WE DO ΑΓΩ?

Roughly 70% of high school men involved in church fall away from their faith in college. This highlights the allure and deceptiveness of the world and suggests a shortcoming in the church to prepare its young men to grow closer to God once they are independent of their home environments.

ΑΓΩ exists to bridge men's faith from high school to college and invite non-Christians into a relationship with Christ.

College years are immensely transformative and character-defining. ΑΓΩ aims to ensure that this process of shaping is centered on Christ.

Social fraternities are excellent at bonding men together in college. ΑΓΩ reproduces this brotherhood and centers it on Christ, providing an alternative to the secular fraternity experience.

Our nation desperately needs male leaders that are wholeheartedly following Christ. ΑΓΩ is here to develop them.

HOW DO WE DO ΑΓΩ?



PLEDGESHIP

The pledge process builds up and prepares pledges to be active members of Alpha Gamma Omega. It provides opportunities for pledges to forge strong bonds with their pledge brothers and the active members, while also challenging and equipping them to grow in their faith. Pledges both lead and serve alongside active members in both social and spiritual events.

INREACH & OUTREACH

ΑΓΩ strives to equip and grow its own members spiritually (as well as engaging in outreach). On the internal side, we do this through accountability partners, who meet weekly to share their struggles and encourage one another, weekly prayer meetings, worship, and attending church together. For outreach, we share our faith, host worship nights, and have service ministries that focus on Greek outreach.



RETREATS

Each quarter, retreats, weekenders, and other trips allow our members to get away from their routines, relax, and enjoy time together.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Our social events provide further opportunities for bonding within ΑΓΩ and with students throughout the campus. They range from open parties and tailgates to mixers, date nights, and formals, providing a safe, fun, alcohol-free alternative to typical college social events.



SERVICE

Through partnerships with service organizations, our members serve both at home and abroad, developing a heart for those in need in their local community and throughout the world. Service projects range from weekly commitments by individual members to monthly opportunities and quarterly trips.



INTERCHAPTER BONDING

Each fall, all of our chapters and chapters of our sister sorority, ΑΔΧ, gather in San Luis Obispo, CA for the annual Pismo Beach Flag Football Tournament. Each spring, alumni, pledges, and active members gather in southern California for Founders' Day. Beyond this, chapters frequently visit one another and attend each other's events.

HOW DO WE DO ΑΓΩ?



BROTHERHOOD

Throughout the semester, chapters set aside time and funds for themselves to continue having a unified brotherhood. Events vary, ranging from game nights at the house and sports on campus to going hiking or to the beach.

PHILANTHROPY

We host event and put on fundraisers to financially serve ΑΓΩ mission trips and other evangelistic organizations. We also partner with sororities and compete in their philanthropic events with other fraternities.



LEADERSHIP

ΑΓΩ develops men into leaders. These men learn to plan, delegate, and serve effectively. More than that, however, they are trained to be disciplined followers of Christ that keep their priorities straight.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ABOUT HAZING?

- **We do not haze.** Our goals are not served by physical or mental abuse or humiliation, nor is hazing consistent with the idea of treating pledges as brothers in Christ. Furthermore, we have a strict anti-hazing code of conduct that we follow and make clearly known to pledges.

WHAT ABOUT ALCOHOL?

- Alcohol is strictly prohibited at all ΑΓΩ events. Our members pledge to adhere to biblical standards concerning drinking alcohol—they are expected to wait until they are of legal drinking age, avoid drunkenness, and not cause brothers to stumble.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

- Chapters' membership dues vary by school, but are typically around \$300-\$500 per semester. These dues primarily support the functions of the individual chapter.

DOES ΑΓΩ HAVE FRATERNITY HOUSES?

- Yes! Many of our chapters have fraternity houses where active members live.

IS THERE A CHRISTIAN SORORITY TOO?

- Yes! Alpha Delta Chi (ΑΔΧ) is our sister sorority. Many of our social events and outreach events involve working with these excellent women of God.
<http://alphadeltachi.org/>

ΑΓΩ AND THE CHURCH

- ΑΓΩ is not a church—it is a fraternity. Members are encouraged to join local churches.

HOW LONG DOES STARTING A CHAPTER TAKE?

- Our three phase process is expected to take 2 terms (quarters or semesters) to complete.

WHAT DOES STARTING A CHAPTER ENTAIL?

- See our steps on ago.org/start-a-chapter to see our steps for colonization and founding

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Feel free to contact our full-time staff, Owen Welch, at owen.welch@ago.org

Phase 1 – Interest Profile

Phase 1 is to be completed by the initial 3-5 interested leaders. If at this time there is just 1 person interested but you are confident that there would be enough interest at your university to form a chapter, feel free to still fill out the cover letter as a way of introducing yourself.

Please e-mail Phase 1 to owen.welch@ago.org

Phase 1.1 – Cover Letter

In roughly 1 page each (single spaced), please answer the following questions:

- What is your name?
- Briefly, what is your personal testimony?
- Where are you currently at in your relationship with God?
- What does it mean to be a leader? How have you and the other guys interested in forming this chapter demonstrated leadership in the past?
- Why are you interested in starting an AGO chapter at your university? Additionally, what is your vision for AGO at your university?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Phase 1.2 – Member Roster

Please list the names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of guys that have expressed interest in being a part of the founding class of this AGO chapter. The initial class will need to have at least 15 members. If you do not yet have 15 members prospective members, please fill out this form with what you do have. The roster can be added to and updated later. Please note that the chapter should have at least 20 members by the end of the first year.

	Last Name	First Name	E-mail Address	Cell Phone Number
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Phase 1.3 – School Profile

Most of this information can be obtained from the school catalog/handbook or its website.

Please fill out as much of the information as possible.

Question	Answer
1. What is the full name of the university?	Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Where is the university located?	
3. How many undergraduate students are enrolled?	
4. How many of the undergraduate students are male?	
5. How many social fraternities are there at your university? (don't count professional fraternities)	
6. How many social sororities are there?	
7. What percentage of the undergraduate student body is involved in Greek life?	
8. Does IFC have a presence on campus? If so, how are relations between IFC and the university?	
9. Does the university officially recognize the Greek system?	
10. Is there a Greek Advisor employed by the university? If so, name of Greek Advisor and list his or her contact information.	
11. How many years has there been a Greek presence at the university?	
12. Is there a housing area known as Greek Row? If so, how many Greek houses are located there and which ones are they?	
13. How is the Greek system perceived by university officials and student body?	
14. What are the main campus ministries on your campus?	
15. Roughly how many students are involved in Christian clubs, organizations, or campus ministries on your campus?	
16. Is there on-campus housing (dorms)? If so, how many dorms are there and how many students live in them?	
17. Roughly how many students live off-campus?	

18. Roughly how many students commute?	
19. Is there a student community close to campus where most off-campus students live?	
20. Please list any other relevant information you think would be useful to share.	
21. Please list any information related to the surrounding community of the college/university will assist the National Executive Council in the colonizing process. For example, list names of churches and their pastors who minister to the college/university. Are there any college student ministries at churches? High school youth groups?	
22. What are the travel conditions (location of local airport)? What is your location in comparison to other large cities and surrounding communities (i.e., mileage distance)? The more information that can be gathered will assist the National Executive Council in locating local ΑΓΩ Alumni who can assist in the colonizing process.	

We thank you for your interest in Alpha Gamma Omega and look forward to receiving your completed Phase 1 Prospective Chapter document. We will get back to you shortly after prayerfully reviewing your submission.

Sincerely,

Hector Perea

National President

Owen Welch

Full-time Staff