

The Constitution of the Epsilon Delta Chapter of Pi Delta Phi
Saint Louis University

Article 1: Name

The name of this society shall be PI DELTA PHI

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be:

- (1) to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literatures;
- (2) to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking worlds.
- (3) To stimulate and encourage French and francophone cultural activities

Article III: Motto

The motto of this society is:

Probainomen Diakritoi Philogálatoi, which means, “Advance faithful friends in the French culture”

Article IV: Obligation of the Chapter

The chapter is recommended to hold monthly meetings but required to hold a minimum of two meetings each year, including an annual initiation. Election of officers must be completed prior to March 1 of each year.

Article V: Membership

Membership in PI DELTA PHI is open to all, regardless of sex, race, or creed, provided that each candidate meets the academic requirements of the Society.

There are three categories of membership: regular, honorary, and associate.

Regular Membership: This category includes graduate and undergraduates students who shall be nominated in recognition of their academic achievement in recognition of their academic achievement in at least one semester or quarter of upper division French, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in French and 2.8 overall.

Honorary Membership: This category includes the French faculty of Saint Louis University, members of the faculty-at-large, diplomats and community leaders who have shown a strong support of French culture.

Associate Membership: This category includes those students who enthusiastically support French activities but do not qualify for regular membership.

Article VI: Membership Responsibilities

Membership Dues: Prior to initiation, the chapter sends to the Executive Director the national dues as determined by the Board. However, the chapter determines the amount for local dues.

Traditionally, new members are required to pay the national dues of \$40 upon initiation.

Mandatory Meetings: In order to remain an active member of PI DELTA PHI, members, regardless of category, are required to go to the mandatory meetings, which include initiation and elections. In the event that the member cannot make the event, a proper excuse must be submitted to the board for approval.

Article VII: Election of Officers

Elections of officers take place in the spring, prior to March 1. To be considered, a regular member must have his or her name submitted as a nomination prior to elections. Elected officials are determined by majority vote. Elections may only take place with 50% attendance of voting members and voting is conducted as a matter of secret method of balloting. All regular and associate members in the chapter are eligible to vote.

Article VIII: Officers

The elected officers will serve a term of one academic year. If need be, the officers-elect will be responsible for any duties which may occur during summer break. In addition, the positions of president and vice presidents are open only to those who are regular members. Official positions include, but are not limited to:

President: The responsibility of the president is to call and preside over the meetings, as well as serve as a liaison between the national organization and the university's chapter. The president is also responsible for organizing the initiation ceremony as well as ensuring that the chapter functions in a smooth and organized manner.

Executive Vice President: In the absence of the president, the executive vice president assumes all of the aforementioned responsibilities. The primary duties of the executive vice president is to keep members informed of any decision or actions that the executive board makes, keeping a record of minutes from the meetings and sending out emails on behalf of the executive board.

Vice President of Finance: The duties of the vice president of finance include fiscal responsibilities, such as administrating the PI DELTA PHI bank account and managing funds from SGA. The vice president of finance shall also assume the responsibilities of communications and/or programming in the absence of their respective vice presidents.

Vice President of Programming: The role of the vice president of programming is to organize the social activities in which the organization decided to take part.

The executive board is, furthermore, responsible for the calling of mandatory meetings, to which all members must be present. The board may call no more than three, including initiation and elections, and must give proper notice (at least 2 weeks) of the meeting to its members.

Article IX: Method to Amend the Constitution

Any member of PI DELTA PHI has the right to suggest any changes that they see fit to the constitution. In the event that this may take place, a vote to amend may be called. This vote requires that 50% of the members eligible for voting to be present and a two-thirds majority to pass any amendment.

Article X: The Jesuit Mission

The Epsilon Delta Chapter of PI DELTA PHI shall reflect Saint Louis University's commitment to education and the Jesuit Catholic mission in their purpose and all their actions.