Honor Societies

Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi is a national college honor society that admits students from all academic disciplines. It promotes academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and honors those who achieve such distinction. Membership is by invitation and is limited to the top-ranking 10 percent of APU’s junior and senior undergraduates and the top-ranking 10 percent of students in graduate programs. APU’s California Gamma chapter was chartered in 1969.

Alpha Phi Sigma

Alpha Phi Sigma was established in 1941 to recognize student excellence in the fields of criminal justice and law. The goal of the honors society is to provide networks to professional opportunities, including grants and scholarships for current students, career development, and honors at graduation. Membership requires undergraduate students to declare criminal justice as their major, to complete three full-time college semesters, to carry a cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, and to have a minimum of four courses in the criminal justice major. Graduate students shall be enrolled in a graduate program in criminal justice or a related field, have completed four courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or rank in the upper 25 percent of their class.

Phi Alpha

Eta Iota is the local chapter of the Phi Alpha national social work honor society. Phi Alpha provides a closer bond among social work students and promotes humanitarian goals and ideals. It fosters high academic standards for social work students and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and service. To qualify for membership, a candidate must be a declared social work major, have senior status, have at least 90 semester hours of general and departmental coursework, exhibit personal and professional integrity, and have a minimum grade-point average of 3.6 in all coursework.

Sigma Iota Epsilon

The Master of Business Management program is a member in the Sigma Iota Epsilon National Honorary and Professional Management Fraternity. Membership in Sigma Iota Epsilon highlights the academic standards of the Master of Business Management program and the qualifications of the faculty. APU’s chapter, Theta Kappa, extends membership to students who demonstrate high academic standing in the field of management, connecting SIE’s mission with APU’s Four Cornerstones and developing holistic and dynamic professionals in the business world.

Sigma Theta Tau International

Iota Sigma is the School of Nursing chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the only international honor society for nursing. STTI was founded in 1922 by six nurses in Indiana and has grown to include nearly 500 chapters in 85 countries. The honor society supports learning, knowledge, and professional development of nurses making a difference in global health. Iota Sigma was chartered in 1988 and has inducted more than 1,900 nursing students and nurse leaders.