Otterbein University strongly encourages its fraternities and sororities to emphasize scholarship and academic achievement as a priority among its own members.

1. Each chapter is encouraged to maintain an overall GPA at or above the all-men’s or all-women’s average GPA.

2. Grades calculated for the purposes of the Academic Guidelines shall be as follows:
   a. Grades for all calculation purposes will be taken from the last semester in which grades were recorded. No judgments shall be made based on the predicted outcome of the current semester.
   b. The averages of all reported active and new members within an organization on the last day of the semester should be included in the overall average of the organization that semester.

3. Each organization must have a faculty advisor who shall keep up with all responsibilities and expectations.

4. All students wishing to pledge a member organization must have a minimum collegiate GPA as set forth in that chapter’s Bylaws and the Governing Councils or for those student without a collegiate GPA a high school GPA of at least 2.75.

5. Chapter GPA requirements:
   a. All chapters are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of active members equal or above the all-men’s or all-women’s average. If a chapter falls below this expectation, corrective actions will be taken.
   b. Corrective Actions:
      i. A chapter that falls below the all-men’s or all-women’s average will be placed on Scholarship Warning for the following semester. If that chapter fails to reach the all-men’s or all-women’s average during their “Scholarship Warning” semester, the chapter will be placed on “Scholarship Probation”
      ii. If a chapter is placed on Scholarship Probation, it must go in front of a committee consisting of that chapter’s faculty advisor, the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement, the chapter’s Scholarship Chair, as well as the Vice-President of the appropriate governing council.
      iii. Suggested plans of action might include: Academic programming with the Academic Support Center, meeting with the chapter’s faculty advisor, scholarship speakers, etc. The chapter, and Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement, must mutually agree upon the end action for the chapter.
      iv. If a chapter falls below the all-men’s or all-women’s average for the following semester, that chapter will be put on Social Probation by the University and another Scholarship Review Meeting will be held during that semester.
v. In the case of a chapter being put on Academic Warning or Academic Probation, the chapter will have to follow the following steps:
   1. For the Scholarship Warning or Scholarship Probation semesters, that chapter will have to raise its GPA by at least 0.2 points to stay on “Scholarship Warning” or Scholarship Probation without further consequences.
   2. The chapter will not have to raise its overall GPA to the all-men’s or all-women’s average; only increase it by 0.2 points.
   3. The process of the Scholarship Warning or Scholarship Probation semesters will continue until the chapter has raised its GPA to the all-men’s or all-women’s average.

6. Incentives will be awarded to chapters that continually remain above the all-men’s or all-women’s average for both long term and short term. Some of these incentives can include members being listed in the Transcript, recognition certificates, trophy, or anything else mutually agreed upon by the Assistant Director of the Center for Student Involvement.