



Constitution of the Sigma Chapter of Theta Tau at The Ohio State University

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Object

- Section 1** The name of this fraternity shall be Theta Tau. As designated by the national branch, The Ohio State Chapter shall be Sigma Chapter. This fraternity shall operate as a national professional engineering fraternity.
- Section 2** The purpose of this fraternity shall be to develop and to maintain a high standard of professional interest among its members, and to unite them in a strong bond of fraternal fellowship.
- Section 3** This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.
- Section 4** This organization will honor the national Theta Tau Potential New Member Bill of Rights.

Article II: Membership

- Section 1** Membership in this fraternity shall be limited to engineers at least eighteen years of age who possess the qualities of brotherhood determined by its student members, and who demonstrate a professional attitude beneficial to the organization.
- Section 2** Student membership in this fraternity shall be limited to students regularly enrolled and pursuing a bachelor's or higher degree in engineering at Ohio State University. To be eligible for membership, a student must have the overall grade point average required for graduation. Upon graduation, a student member will be classed as an alumnus unless they continue in graduate school, in which case they may elect to remain a student member for an additional two semesters.
- Section 3** Election to student or alumnus membership is by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority secret vote of all student members. A candidate for student membership must receive the required $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote on at least two occasions: before they are asked to join, and again before they are admitted to full membership in this fraternity.
- Section 4** Application to become a member is completed through attendance at rush events within the first two weeks of fall or spring semester. An invitation to join will be extended by the rush chairman to individuals that receive the $\frac{3}{4}$ majority secret vote as described in Article II Section 3.
- Section 5** A student may not become a member within six school months of the completion of their academic program.
- Section 6** If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's constitution or by-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a unanimous vote of the chapter.

Article III: Executive Board and Procedures

Section 1 The Executive Officers of this fraternity shall be: Regent, Vice-Regent, Scribe, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Each Officer shall be elected by majority secret vote of all the student members.

Section 2 The Regent is the primary leader and shall preside at all meetings, initiate all new members, appoint all committees and non-elective Chairs, and fulfill such other obligations as may be imposed upon him by the fraternity.

Subsection A Each semester, the Regent is responsible for determining Chairs for the semester and the brothers who will hold them. Appendix A of this Constitution will contain a list of Chairs.

Subsection B The Regent is permitted to revise Appendix A in order to add or remove Chairs and revise their descriptions located in the chapter's Bylaws at any time.

Section 3 The Vice-Regent is the secondary leader and shall take the place of the Regent when he is unable to officiate and is responsible for keeping track of different Chairs progress to assess if they are doing their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Section 4 The Scribe shall keep the fraternity records, keep minutes of the meetings, and perform such other duties as prescribed by the Regent or by the fraternity.

Section 5 The Treasurer shall keep the fraternity funds and financial records, collect fees and dues, make a monthly written report to the fraternity listing any delinquent members, and make disbursements from the fraternity treasury, and create budget for Chair positions to plan for the semester at hand.

Section 6 The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on such correspondence as required by the Regent or by the fraternity, and he shall keep a current file on all student and alumnus members of the fraternity.

Section 7 Election of Officers shall be held at the end of the fall semester. The term for elected members is one year.

Section 8 Regular meetings shall be held at least weekly, beginning the first full week of each term. By majority vote, the fraternity shall establish days, times and places for these meetings. Special meetings may be called by the Regent or by a majority vote of the members. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure at meetings.

Section 9 Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the constitution or by-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. Officers may be removed by a 75% vote of the chapter.

Article IV: Miscellaneous

Section 1 Amendments to this Constitution may be adopted by three-fourths majority vote of all the student members at a meeting following the one in which they are first proposed in writing.

Section 2 Each member, upon joining this fraternity, agrees to obey all parts of this Constitution and the National Constitution of Theta Tau.

Section 3 This Constitution is a general guideline as to manage the chapter. More detail and information can be found in the National Constitution. These Bylaws can never conflict with this Constitution, and any conflict defaults to the National Constitution.

APPENDIX A: CHAIR POSITIONS

Marshal

Inner Guard

Outer Guard

New Member Education Chairs (2)

Rush Chairs (3)

Risk Management Chair

Social Chair (3)

House Manager

Professional Development Chair

Philanthropy & Service Chair (2)

Scholarship Chair

Fundraising Chair

Intramural Chair

Webmaster

Marketing Chair

Brotherhood Chair (2)

Merchandise Chair

University Ambassador (E-Council Representative)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair