

Constitution for Pi Delta Phi

Article I

Name of Organization

The name of the organization will be Pi Delta Phi: National French Honor Society at the University of Tennessee.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this Society shall be (1) to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and its literature; (2) to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking world; (3) to stimulate and encourage French cultural, academic, and linguistic activities.

Article III

Membership

Membership in Pi Delta Phi is open to all students and faculty/staff members where appropriate; regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

There are three categories of membership:

Regular Membership: This category includes graduate and undergraduate students who shall be nominated in recognition of their academic achievement based on the following qualifications: the student must have taken or be currently enrolled in at least one 300-level or higher French class, must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in French, and must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall. Members must have a sophomore standing. Official members must pay dues.

Honorary Membership: This category includes the French faculty of the sponsoring institution; members of the faculty-at-large, diplomats and community leaders who have shown a strong support of French culture. Honorary members must pay dues.

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

Society meetings shall be held on an as-needed basis. Officer meetings shall be held fortnightly.

Article IV

Officers

Officers of Pi Delta Phi at the University of Tennessee must fulfill the Regular Membership requirements. A student officer must be in good academic standing at the time of election or appointment and for the duration of his/her term of office.

Officers must be full-time students except in organizations where membership is composed of

both University employees and student members.

A student may be considered ineligible for office if the student is on disciplinary probation for violating any Student Standards of Conduct.

Article V Terms of Office

Pi Delta Phi at the University of Tennessee will hold elections in the early fall semester of each academic year. Advisors should ensure that elections are held.

Officers will be elected by a majority vote of Regular Members. Terms will last one year, with a limit of two consecutive years in the same position.

Former officers are required to train their successors in the responsibilities of the relevant officer position. If, for some reason, a predecessor is unable to perform this task, it is the duty of the President to fully inform new officers of their duties. Officer training must occur before the commencement of the fall semester each year.

Officers are required to attend all Society and officer meetings. Officers are allowed two absences per semester. Upon the third absence, he/she will be placed on probation for one month, during which time he/she must attend all Society and officer meetings. If there is a fourth absence within the probationary period, the officer will be asked to resign. Upon the termination of the probationary period, the absences of the officer in question will be excused. Upon the second probation, the officer in question will be asked to resign.

Officers are expected to attend all activities hosted by Pi Delta Phi at the University of Tennessee each semester.

The Society is not required to be active during the Summer semester.

Article VI Faculty Advisor

Pi Delta Phi at the University of Tennessee must have one faculty advisor at all times.

The faculty advisor will be selected by a majority vote of officers, and the advisor's term will last for a duration of two years, beginning at the moment of selection.

The faculty advisor must be a full-time staff or faculty member at the University of Tennessee.

The responsibilities of the faculty advisor are as follows: to review the budget and financial statements of the Society with the Treasurer and/or President on an annual basis; to attend at least **three Society events and at least four Society or officer meetings** per academic year; and to act as the liaison and advocate for the Society with the French faculty, the faculty-at-large, diplomats, and community leaders.

Article VII
Financial Statement

Regular Members are required to pay dues consisting of a lifetime fee of **forty (\$40) dollars** to the national organization and a yearly fee of **fifteen (\$15) dollars** to the University of Tennessee chapter.

Dues collection will be performed by the Treasurer, who should hold office hours, by October 1 of each year for fall membership.

The finances for activities sponsored by the Society will be decided by majority vote of officers at least two weeks before the event. The disbursement request must be submitted to the University of Tennessee Office of the Dean of Students at least one week before the event. Deposits must be made within two weeks after the receipt of funds.

In the event that the Society is dissolved, any remaining funds will be donated to the University of Tennessee French Department.