

Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society
Sample Chapter Constitution

Note: substitute any red text with chapter specific information. All other text should, in most cases, remain unchanged; chapters may not, for example, change the society purpose, motto, voting rights, etc. If no chapter officers are desired, remove article VIII and renumber articles IX to X and VIII to IX.

The Constitution of Chapter **XX** of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society at **school** in **city, state**.

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this Society shall be Pi Delta Phi (Chapter **XX**), the National French Honor Society.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Pi Delta Phi is a national honorary society. The purpose of this society shall be to recognize outstanding scholarship in the French language and Francophone literatures, to increase the knowledge and appreciation of Americans for the cultural contributions of the French-speaking, world and to stimulate and to encourage French and Francophone cultural activities.

ARTICLE III MOTTO

The motto of this Society is *Probainomen Diakritoi Philogálatoi*, which means *Avançons, amis fidèles de la culture française* or Forward, Faithful Friends of French Culture.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership in Pi Delta Phi is open to all provided that each candidate meets the academic requirements of the Society. Membership categories and national dues are determined by the National Executive Board. National dues are paid once at the time of initiation into the Society and entitle the new member to life-time membership. Chapter dues will be determined by the faculty moderator. Chapter dues are paid once at the time of initiation into the chapter.

ARTICLE V INSIGNIA AND MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The insignia pin is the same for regular and honorary members. A certificate given to all members at the time of initiation indicates the category of membership. Blue, white, and red graduation cords are available.

ARTICLE VI PRIVILEGES

Regular members may vote, hold positions as chapter officers, and represent their chapter at official meetings of the Society. All members may attend national functions.

ARTICLE VII FACULTY MODERATOR

The term of the Faculty Moderator is indefinite. Duties of the Moderator are: (1) to represent the chapter at its institution and any regional or national activities sponsored by the National Executive Board; (2) to advise and to support all activities of the chapter; (3) to forward any chapter news to the editor of the Society's official publication; (4) to keep accurate and up-to-date records and to make sure that chapter records and all information of the Society are given to the succeeding moderator.

ARTICLE VIII CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DUTIES

The student chapter officers shall be: the President and Treasurer/Secretary. Chapter officers for the upcoming academic year shall be elected each spring prior to the close of the semester by a vote of all currently enrolled regular and honorary members. The duties of chapter officers shall be determined by the faculty moderator.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

There shall be at least one chapter meeting annually to include an initiation ceremony of any new members. The chapter shall consult the national website for information on conducting initiation ceremonies.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

This Chapter Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the chapter members.

Date of this Constitution: **month, day, year**.