



Chi Epsilon National Civil Engineering Honor Society

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Chi Epsilon Historical Background

Preamble

We, students, faculty, and alumni of the Department of Civil Engineering at various colleges and universities, believing that a mark of distinction should be placed on the undergraduate who has upheld the honor of the department by high scholastic ability, and believing that a society with the broad principles of scholarship, character, practicality, and sociability would be an incentive to greater achievements in the civil engineering profession, do adopt this constitution as a guiding instrument for this organization.

Object and Purpose of Chi Epsilon

Dedicated to the purpose of maintaining and promoting the status of civil engineering as an ideal profession, Chi-Epsilon was organized to recognize the characteristics of the individual civil engineer deemed to be fundamental to the successful pursuit of an engineering career, and to aid in the development of those characteristics in the civil engineering student. Engineering, the application of scientific principles to the practical needs of society, is assuming a constantly increasing responsibility for the well-being of all people, and thus calling for competence of the highest order. This responsibility can be discharged only by a professional group whose members are possessed of a good basic technical ability, intelligence, moral integrity, and effective social poise in their relationship with the larger community of which they are part. To contribute to the improvement of the profession, Chi Epsilon fosters the development and exercise of sound traits of character and technical ability among civil engineers, and its members, by precept and example, toward an ever higher standard of professional service.

History of Chi Epsilon

In the spring of 1922 two groups of civil engineering students at the University of Illinois, one calling itself Chi Epsilon, and the other calling itself Chi Delta Chi, independently of each other, took steps to petition the faculty for permission to establish an honorary civil engineering fraternity. As soon as the existence of the two groups became known to each other, plans were immediately propagated to merge the two groups. On May 22, 1922, the Chi Epsilon Fraternity was founded. Since then, Chi Epsilon has grown to 143 chapters, with over 125,000 members initiated.

Motto

Chi Epsilon retains as its motto the Greek letters Chi Delta Chi, which formed the name of the junior honor society founded in 1922 at the University of Illinois and which is one of the roots of Chi Epsilon. Chi Delta Chi. These three letters shall symbolize our English motto: Conception, Design, and Construction. These are the three phases of every creative project. Conception is inventive; it perceives the opportunity to do something and recognizes the means of accomplishment. Fitting that means of accomplishment to the specific case and planning a definite method of work is design. Construction is the actual building. It makes a reality of the idea of conception and the plan of design. Conception requires imagination and intelligence. Design requires education and practical experience. Construction requires energy, determination, and perseverance. In these functions, your adherence to the principles of Chi Epsilon will serve you well.



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Important Facts about Chi Epsilon

Chi Epsilon is dedicated to the advancement of the Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering profession through its four pillars:

Scholarship

Character

Practicality

Sociability

In 2007, UC Davis became the 130th school to join Chi Epsilon.

The letters of Chi Epsilon are XE.

The official symbol of Chi Epsilon is the Builder's Transit.

The colors of Chi Epsilon are purple and white.

Pledge Requirements

The following requirements must be fulfilled prior to being initiated into Chi Epsilon.

Participate in stated activities/events from each pillar (see following page).

Pay a non-refundable, one-time, initiate fee of \$115 to Ikumi Suzuki by April 10th, 11:59 PM (Venmo @ikusuzu).

Submit the Initiate Form to Marshalls by April 10th, 2026, by 11:59 PM.

Pledge to be actively involved with and support Chi Epsilon.



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XE Activities and Events

The following is a list of deliverables that are expected to be completed to be a full member of Chi Epsilon. The elective credits may be completed and used to supplement any requirements from the four pillars.		Character	Credits
Mandatory Event:		Hold a professional Mock Interview with a Chi Epsilon Alum: Date TBD	6
Dates:		Community Service Event before Week 10	3
Bi-Weekly Meetings	TBD	Complete a Professor/Pledge Discussion by 6/4	3
Big-Little Reveal	May 3rd	Submit a resume by 4/10	3
Application and Fee Deadline	April 10th	Scholarship	Credits
Initiation Ceremony	May 29th	Apply for a Scholarship by 6/4	3
Sociability	Credits	Research Grad Program by 6/4	6
Organize a Social before Week 10 (All or nothing points)	6	Research FE Exam Prep & Tips by 6/4	3
Big Little Reveal: 5/3	3	Pass Initiate Quiz: 5/29	3
Joint Social: TBD	3	Elective	Credits
Attend a Social	3	Hang out with another Pledge	3
Practicality	Credits	Hang out with an officer	3
Apply to an internship or job by 6/4	3	Attend PDC Includes skit night	6
Build a Transit: Date TBD	3	Participate in a Fundraiser	3
Attend a Career Fair: 4/15	3	Attend another Civil Engineering Club's Meeting or ASCE Project Team	3
Attend a Workshop Or Info Session	3	3 Attend 3 workshops	3

Once all these requirements have been met, you will be considered for initiation on **May 29th, 2026.**

YOU MUST ATTEND THE INITIATION CEREMONY TO BECOME A MEMBER.



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