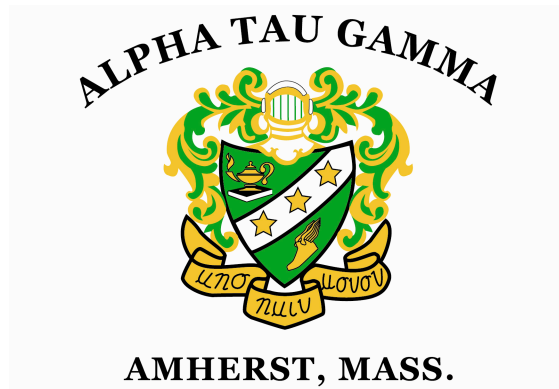




CODE OF CONDUCTS

Preamble

The fraternal brotherhood of Alpha Tau Gamma is the academic, service, and social fraternity of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Founded in 1919, ATG has provided Stockbridge men with an avenue for professional growth and development through a long-standing tradition of service to the University and local communities as well as providing an environment for students to excel in their respective studies. ATG has developed into a strong band of brothers through the hard work and determination of the alumni and active chapter.

The principal purpose of this statement is to provide useful guidelines for the daily practice of the active chapter of the Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity. The fraternity recognizes that personal accountability is the most effective and preferred means of assuring ethical behavior. If, however, a member observes conduct by a fellow brother that seems contrary to the provisions of this statement, that member is encouraged to communicate directly and privately with the individual, utilizing a caring perspective consistent with the collaborative nature of the Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity. The desire of the fraternity is to provide such an enhanced statement that remains concise, clear, and personal to the individual member. Furthermore, the statement is meant to be in alignment with other assessments such as the University standard requirements for such a code as well as influence the positive behavior of ATG members. In turn, the ethical behavior of members will continually improve the image of fraternal brotherhood, and the fraternal brotherhood of Alpha Tau Gamma.

Code of Conducts

This Code of Conduct for members of the Alpha Tau Gamma Fraternity serves to promote and maintain the highest standards of advising and personal conduct among its members. Adherence to these principles by members of the Fraternity is enforced, and such performance serves to assure public confidence in the integrity and service to the Fraternal Brotherhood of Alpha Tau Gamma.

“Strike Policy”

Alpha Tau Gamma is governed by a strike policy for actions thought to be detrimental to the organization. Violation of any one of these policies (below) is subject to receiving a strike. This Code of Conducts describes certain acts be stilled upon you as a member of the Alpha Tau Gamma fraternity. In written form, a chapter officer will give the description of the violation and the date(s) it occurred. If three (3) strikes are issued against you, you are subject to disciplinary action and/or termination of your active chapter membership unless the officers and the house determine, that you are capable of improving your conduct. Should the officers and the house determine you are incapable of improving your conduct, they may terminate your active chapter membership immediately. Failure to improve on your conduct by receiving another strike will result in immediate active chapter termination from the fraternity. Under no circumstances will any member be allowed to maintain active status in the event they accumulate three (3) strikes. Strikes are cumulative for the duration of one school year and will not be erased or dismissed unless the officers and house unanimously agrees that special circumstances exist which warrant such action.

As a member of Alpha Tau Gamma, I, _____, personally commit myself to these provisions and will be ever mindful of the importance of acting on these ethical principles during my daily practice at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. I promise to:

- Maintain the highest standard of personal conduct.
- Strive for academic excellence in my respective studies and maintain a creditable scholastic record.
- Uphold faithfully the values and traditions of the fraternity.
- Maintain loyalty to the active chapter house, the brotherhood, and the fraternity as a whole.
- Respect and serve the neighborhood and community in which the active chapter resides in.
- Pay all personal bills promptly including but not limited to, active chapter house semester rent and active chapter social payments. Failure to comply will result in additional past due fines.

Active chapter house rent and active chapter social dues are non-refundable. Active chapter rent dues may be refundable if you dismiss yourself voluntarily from the active chapter residence. If you are dismissed from the residence by the active chapter or Alpha Tau Gamma Inc., the active chapter house rent fees are non-refundable.

- Accept my full share of any task, however menial, involved in maintaining the active chapter home and my property. Failure to comply each time will receive an immediate fine of \$15. If person fails to comply three (3) times per semester the person will receive one (1) strike.

- Accept the active chapter house quiet hours: Sunday-Thursday, 8pm-8am, unless otherwise voted on by fraternity house residents. When quiet hours are not in effect, I will exercise good judgment of my surroundings as another member may be using that time to study or may have spent long hours of the night before studying. Failure to comply two (2) times will result in one (1) strike.
- Comply with the Amherst Fire and Housing Code within the active chapter house and my own personal property. Failure to comply will result in one (1) strike and subject to citation by the Amherst Fire Department. If citation is issued, the person(s) involved will be responsible for paying the fine of \$100 or more based upon the discretion of the Amherst Fire Department.
- Use only legal and ethical means in all of my fraternity and university activities. I will adhere with the law and University policies, including town codes, ordinances, and University policies, which pertain to Greek organizations. Failure to comply will result in one (1) strike, subject to arrest by the Amherst Police Department, and/or termination of active chapter membership from the fraternity based upon consultation from the active chapter executive board.
- Attend every active chapter fraternity meeting and conduct myself properly
 - No food or alcoholic beverages are allowed
 - No tobacco products permitted
 - No talking out of order or being disrespectful

Weekly Attendance is mandatory. If conflict with meeting arises, member must contact entire E-Board with reason for non-attendance. Failure to comply two (2) times will result in one (1) strike.

E-Board representatives are required to attend every meeting unless granted permission of absence from other board members due to personal or academic conflicts. Failure to comply two (2) times will result in impeachment of position by majority vote of the active chapter.
- Maintain the confidentiality of privileged information (fraternity motto, house songs, extracurricular business) entrusted or known to me by virtue of my position. Failure to comply will result in one (1) strike.
- Refuse to engage in, or countenance, discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. Failure to comply will result in one (1) strike, subject to suspension from the university, and subject to arrest.
- Cooperate in every reasonable and proper way with other members of the fraternity and serve all members of my fraternity impartially and respectfully.
- Accept that active chapter social events or gatherings must be communicated and agreed upon unanimously by the entire active chapter membership at least 48 hours in advance. Public invitations by use of word-of-mouth, class announcements, and social media outlets is strictly prohibited. A plan for security must be established (cleaning crew, crowd control, excess noise control, etc.). Failure to comply will result in one (1) strike.
- Always communicate the fraternity's internal and external statements in a truthful and accurate manner by assuring that there is integrity in the data and information used by the fraternity.
- Strive to live a life consistent with the Oath, Creed, and Ritual of the fraternity.

I, _____, have read and adhere to the Alpha Tau Gamma Fraternity's Code of Conduct and on this _____ day of _____, 20__ agree to follow of the terms listed and understand the possible reprimand for breaking those terms. Signature: _____

This agreement is subject to refinement or update upon majority vote of the entire Alpha Tau Gamma Active Chapter and Alpha Tau Gamma, Inc.