



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY'S
EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER

SIGMA IOTA RHO

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WHAT IS SIGMA IOTA RHO?

AN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS HONOR
SOCIETY FOR JUNIORS
AND SENIORS WHO
DEMONSTRATE
EXCELLENCE IN THEIR
FIELD.



OUR CORE VALUES

**SIGMA - GREEK FOR SYNESI,
MEANING PRUDENCE**

**IOTA - GREEK FOR IDEODOI,
MEANING IDEALS**

**RHO - GREEK FOR RHOMI,
MEANING POWER**

THE EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER OF SIGMA IOTA RHO AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY EXISTS TO ADVANCE THE SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIP OF STUDENTS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES THROUGH THE PROMOTION OF A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WORLD AFFAIRS.

WE SEEK TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR STUDENTS OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES TO VOICE THEIR IDEAS AND ADVANCE THEIR STUDIES OF THE DISCIPLINE OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM THROUGH ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

CHAPTERS

Since its establishment in 1983 at American University in Washington, D.C., Sigma Iota Rho has established 182 active chapters on campuses across 40 U.S. states.

Internationally located chapters have been established at the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, Hult College of International Business in London as well as in Iraq.



THE EPSILON OMICRON CHAPTER AT UK

Faculty Advisor

DR. GREGORY O. HALL

Associate Professor, Patterson School of
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30+ UNDERGRADUATE
MEMBERS

— OUR EVENTS —

Throughout the course of the semester
our chapter will host social and
educational events as well as career
workshops

The purpose of these events is to provide
members with the opportunity to engage
in meaningful discussions with peers,
professors, and members of the
community to enhance their
understanding of international affairs.

Events include:

- Resume and Cover Letter Workshop
- International Women's Day Guest Speaker
and Discussion
- IS Coursework Student Panel
- New Member Induction

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS: UNDERGRADUATE MEMBERSHIP

ΣIP

University of Kentucky

COURSEWORK

Have completed coursework in international studies including courses in relevant subject areas of anthropology, economics, foreign languages, geography, history, political science, and other related fields.

CREDIT STANDING

Have attained a junior standing and completed at least **21 credit hours** of coursework toward the International Studies (or International Relations) major or minor, including at least two courses at the 300 or 400 levels.

GPA

Have attained a cumulative grade point average of **3.3 or higher** in all courses, and a grade point average of at least **3.4** in International Studies (or International Relations) courses.

STUDENT STATUS

Must maintain full-time student status of at least **12 hours** to be a voting member or hold an office.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS: ADJUNCT MEMBERSHIP

As an adjunct member:

You do not have the full privileges that come with National membership, but you will be invited to partake in Epsilon Omicron Chapter activities throughout the year.

You will not be required to pay the \$45 membership fee until you are eligible for full membership.

Plan on attaining full membership upon becoming a junior.

COURSEWORK

Completed course work in international studies including courses in relevant subject areas of anthropology, economics, foreign languages, geography, history, political science, and other related disciplines.

CREDIT STANDING

Have attained a sophomore standing and completed at least twelve (12) hours of course work toward the International Studies major or minor.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Upon completing the short application
and paying your \$45 dues, you will have
access to:

Graduation Regalia and Lapel Pin

Copy of SIR's *Journal of International
Relations*

Opportunity to have your work
published in the *Journal of International
Relations*, or serve on the Editorial Board

Eligibility to apply for SIR funding
opportunities, ranging from scholarships
to research grants

Access to SIR's list of internship
opportunities

Epsilon Omicron professional
development
events



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP: SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Odysseus Awards

The purpose of the Odysseus Awards is to reward perserevance - like the Greek hero demonstrated in the epic poem, The Odyssey. It is to help students who are in financial need to further their pursuit of international studies – such as book expenses or travel to an academic conference. Awards range from \$250 – \$500 for the academic year and are released to the attending institution to be administered.

Sigma Iota Rho Merit Scholarship

This merit-based award is given to recognize exceptional achievement in the study of international affairs. It ranges from \$750 – \$1,000 and may be used by the Society's members to meet expenses associated with books, software, and travel for research purposes (i.e. to an archive or papers collection) or an academic conference. To apply, students must submit the following materials:

Research & Travel Grants

These grants are meant to support research in the area of international studies, which is generally focused in the areas of: foreign policy, security, international political economy, trade, political and economic development, international organizations etc. Preference is given to students presenting their papers or participating in beyond observer capacity an academic conference. Normally awards will not be granted in excess of \$500 per student, though exceptional projects will be considered.

The Application Process

COMPLETE GOOGLE FORMS APPLICATION

An GoogleForm will be shared with you that asks for general info in accordance with the membership requirements listed previously including what type of membership you are applying for, your GPA (overall and in major), expected graduation date, etc.

The application will include one short statement of interest:

Please provide a brief statement of your career goals. They need not be polished or finalized, but a general trajectory you would like them to take.

How do you see membership in our chapter helping you to accomplish these goals?

VERIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

The information provided via the application will be verified with the advising office. This is usually the longest step in the process given it relies upon the academic calendar and the busy personal schedules of others.

If you meet all the admissions requirements, you will be notified of acceptance within 1 - 2 weeks of your acceptance as a member of our chapter.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Upon receiving verification of your application information, you will be notified via email of your acceptance.

This email will include the type of membership in which you will receive as well as information regarding the payment of dues and the date of the induction ceremony.



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QUESTIONS?

Please don't hesitate to reach out to
our Chapter leadership at
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at any time with questions!