

Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups @ MIT

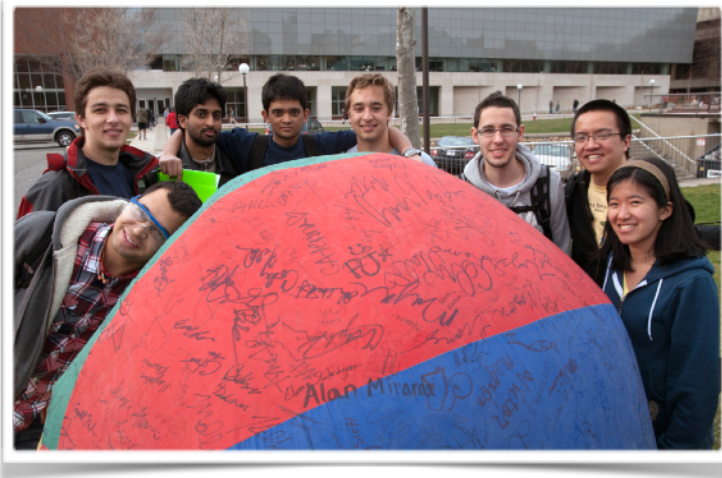
MIT's FSILGs are traditional fraternities and sororities, coed fraternities, small independent living groups - the choices for FSILGs are as diverse as MIT students

FSILGs have a long history at MIT

Eleven of the 26 fraternities were founded prior to 1900 and were MIT's first organized student housing. Three of the five ILGs were founded in the first half of the 20th century, with several becoming co-ed in 1970. The first MIT sorority was chartered in 1984, and the sorority community expanded to seven chapters in 2015.

MIT FSILGs are **NOT** stereotypical

Fraternities and sororities have received much negative national press in recent years. Because of the nature of the school, MIT's FSILGs all have a strong focus on academics and acceptance of others. They provide an additional layer of student support and the opportunity to be part of a distinct and caring community.



FSILGs are an Integral Part of MIT Student Life

MIT is home to 26 fraternities, 7 sororities, and 5 independent living groups (ILGs). Approximately half of undergraduate men belong to a fraternity, a third of undergraduate women belong to a sorority, and approximately 3% of undergraduates belong to an ILG. FSILG members come from diverse backgrounds and cultures and participate fully in the MIT experience: in academics, in athletics, in music and the performing arts, and in scientific research and entrepreneurship.

Residential Life

MIT's FSILGs are located in Boston, Brookline, Cambridge and on the MIT campus, in historic brownstones and modern buildings. All freshmen live in MIT campus housing; as upperclassmen, members of fraternities and ILGs reside in their houses and many sorority members live in their houses. FSILGs contain the same IT infrastructure as MIT dorms and many have dedicated computer and study rooms. Meals are provided by house cooks, MIT dining plan, or members collaborate for meal preparation. The MIT Independent Resident Development Fund, funded by FSILG alumni, provides annual educational grants and support for capital projects.



What Are the Benefits of MIT FSILGs?

- ◆ **Scholarship** – MIT students focus first and foremost on academics. FSILGs provide a structure for academic support and collaboration and facilitate mentoring relationships with upperclassmen.
- ◆ **Support** – MIT is an intense and unique environment. FSILGs surround students with a close-knit community and active support system that fosters lifelong friendships.
- ◆ **Service** - Many FSILGs are affiliated with particular philanthropies or provide opportunities for service to the MIT, Cambridge and Boston communities.
- ◆ **Leadership** – MIT FSILG members are active and engaged in all aspects of student life in the MIT community. FSILG organizations offer additional opportunities for leadership development.
- ◆ **Connections** – MIT FSILGs promote a culture of connections. FSILG alumni provide professional opportunities, support and guidance.

Student Support and Safety

Every FSILG has a live-in Graduate Resident Advisor employed by MIT. FSILG students have full access to all MIT resources including Student Support Services and MIT Mental Health & Counseling. FSILG residences are inspected annually by municipal authorities and are accredited through the MIT Association of Independent Living Groups. FSILGs consult with the MIT Police on safety and security issues. The MIT “Saferide” shuttle operates every evening in a route through Cambridge, Boston, and Brookline.

Governance

The MIT Interfraternity Council (ifc.mit.edu), MIT Panhellenic Association (panhel.mit.edu) and MIT Living Group Council (lgc.mit.edu) are comprised of students with the support and involvement of MIT staff and alumni.

What is Recruitment?

All students can explore the option of belonging to an FSILG by participating in Recruitment (for fraternities, sororities and ILGs). The goal of Recruitment is for each student to find their own supportive community and comfortable living environment. No alcohol may be present at Recruitment events. There are many opportunities for interaction with members of FSILGs, with MIT upperclassmen and staff assisting students to find their best fit.

What is the Financial Commitment?

The cost of living in an FSILG ranges from well below the cost of MIT housing to the same as the dine-in residence halls. House bills for the majority of FSILGs cost significantly less than MIT housing. Fraternities and sororities typically have one-time initiation fees and annual dues which differ for each organization.

More Questions?

Please contact the MIT FSILG Office in the Division for Student Life at fsilg-office@mit.edu or (617) 253-7546. You can also contact the AILG Parent Outreach Chair: Pamela Gannon, MIT Class of '84, Parent '16, Parent '18, at pmgannon@alum.mit.edu.

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