

HISTORY OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, and INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUPS @ MIT

MIT has a rich and colorful past with its Fraternities, Sororities, and Living Groups. The FSILG Staff takes pride and interest in this history. We hope you value FSILG heritage as much as we do. All presently active Fraternities, Sororities, and Independent Living Groups at MIT are listed alphabetically with their corresponding dates of founding, addresses and dates of occupancy of their chapter rooms, and current charge addresses. Addresses are in Boston unless otherwise specified. This listing also includes the date upon which a living group became coed and affiliated (or disaffiliated) with a national Greek organization. Finally, at the end we have added similar information for other currently inactive chapters that have been important at MIT in the last several decades. The data for this historical listing has been secured from chapter records, fraternity and sorority records, Dean's Office records, historical records of Boston, Cambridge, and Brookline, Technique, and student directories. If you feel that any information below is incomplete or erroneous, please contact Pam Gannon '84 at - pmgannon@mit.edu, or Brad Badgley at bbadgley@mit.edu.

Alpha Chi Omega (ΑΧΩ), Theta Omicron Chapter (ΘΟ): (chartered April 26, 1986).

1985 - 1986	The Thalias: local club succeeded by Alpha Chi Omega
1986 - 1994	Non-residential sorority
1994 -	478 Commonwealth Avenue

Alpha Delta Phi (ΑΔΦ), Lambda Phi Chapter (ΛΦ): May 21, 1976 (chartered November 13, 1976).

1906 - 1925	Lambda Phi: local fraternity succeeded by Alpha Delta Phi in 1976 after multiple petitions to the national
1906 - 1916	258 Newbury Street (as Lambda Phi)
1917 - 1917	291 Harvard Street, Brookline (as Lambda Phi)
1917 - 1925	493 Commonwealth Avenue (as Lambda Phi--disbanded in 1925, reinstated as Alpha Delta Phi, Lambda Phi Chapter in 1976)
1976 -	351 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

Alpha Epsilon Phi (ΑΕΦ), Beta Epsilon Chapter (ΒΕ): (chartered November 4, 1995).

1992 - 1995	Sigma Iota Phi (SIF): non-residential local sorority
1995 - 2005	Non-residential sorority
2005 - 2007	165 Bay State Road (leased from Alpha Epsilon Pi)
2007 -	Non-residential sorority

Alpha Epsilon Pi (ΑΕΠ), Mu Tau Chapter (ΜΤ): January 6, 1951.

1951 -	155 Bay State Road
1965 -	155 & 165 Bay State Road
1990	Reorganization by Alpha Epsilon Pi national in February 1990

Alpha Phi (ΑΦ), Zeta Phi Chapter (ΖΦ): (chartered February 11, 1984).

1981 - 1984	Club Amherst: local club succeeded by Alpha Phi
1984 - 1991	Non-residential sorority
1991 -	477-479 Commonwealth Avenue

Beta Theta Pi (ΒΘΠ), Beta Upsilon Chapter (ΒΥ): September 27, 1913.

1913 - 1914	254 Newbury Street
1914 - 1921	179 Bay State Road
1922 - 1925	106 Sewall Avenue, Brookline
1925 - 1946	241 Kent Street, Brookline
1946 -	119 Bay State Road
1964 -	Added 120 Bay State Road
2011 -2013	Suspended operations in June, 2011
2013 -	119 Bay State Road

Chi Phi (ΧΦ), Beta Chapter (Β): November 21, 1890.

1873 - 1878	Chi Phi, Tau Chapter: (May 27, 1873 - July 3, 1878) succeeded by Navajo Club
1890 - 1890	Navajo Club: (rooms at Union Park and Tremont Street) succeeded by Chi Phi, Beta Chapter
1890 - 1899	58 Chester Square
1899 - 1907	261 Newbury Street
1907 - 1932	44 The Fenway
1932 - 1950	22 The Fenway
1950 -	32 Hereford Street

Delta Kappa Epsilon (ΔΚΕ), Sigma Tau Chapter (ΣΤ): December 6, 1890.

1890 - 1892	Non-residential fraternity
1892 - 1893	56 Chester Square
1893 - 1900	38 Chester Square
1900 - 1916	215 Newbury Street
1917 - 1924	104 Charles River Road (Memorial Drive), Cambridge
1924 - 1925	521 Beacon Street
1925 - 1926	463 Commonwealth Avenue
1926 -	403 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Delta Psi/Number 6 Club (ΔΨ), Tau Chapter (Τ): April 6, 1889.

1887 - 1889	Six Louisburg Square (as Number 6 Club--reinstated as Delta Psi, Tau Chapter in 1889)
1889 - 1913	Six Louisburg Square
1913 - 1974	428 Charles River Road (Memorial Drive), Cambridge; became coed in 1970
1974 - 1975	424 Washington Street, Somerville (temporary address during 1974 building renovations)
1975 -	428 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Delta Phi Epsilon (ΔΦΕ), Zeta Delta Chapter (ΖΔ): December 11, 2015.

2015 - 2016	Non-residential sorority
2016 -	515 Beacon Street

Delta Tau Delta (ΔΤΔ), Beta Nu Chapter (ΒΝ): May 18, 1889.

1889 - 1902	Non-residential fraternity
1902 - 1916	234 Newbury Street
1916 - 1924	4 Ames Street, Cambridge
1924 - 1952	255 St. Paul Street, Brookline
1952 -	416 Beacon Street

Delta Upsilon (ΔΥ), Technology Chapter: November 11, 1891.

1891 - 1892	377 Columbus Avenue
1892 - 1893	Ludlow Apartments, St. James Avenue
1893 - 1894	549 Massachusetts Avenue
1894 - 1899	52 Chester Street
1899 - 1909	246 Newbury Street
1910 - 1917	1069 Beacon Street
1917 - 2014	526 Beacon Street (DU international suspended chapter on April 16, 2014. Starting in fall 2016, the Alumni Corporation leased 526 Beacon Street to Theta Tau Fraternity.)

Epsilon Theta (ΕΘ): 1974.

1925 - 1974	259 St. Paul Street, Brookline (as Sigma Nu, Epsilon Theta Chapter--became coed in 1970 and disaffiliated with Sigma Nu national in 1974, but remained at the same address) ^{[1][2]}
1974 -	259 St. Paul Street, Brookline

Fenway House (Fenway): 1973.

1917 - 1961	Non-residential fraternity (as Sigma Alpha Mu, Xi Chapter, Installed February 11, 1917)
1921 - 1923	179 Bay State Road
1923 - 1924	194 Bay State Road
1924 - 1928	188 Bay State Road
1928 - 1932	338 Bay State Road
1932 - 1940	83 Egmont Street, Brookline
1940 - 1961	222 Babcock Street, Brookline
1961 - 1973	34 The Fenway (as Sigma Alpha Mu, Xi Chapter-became coed in (1970) and disaffiliated with Sigma Alpha Mu national in 1973; the local Fenway House remained at the same address)
1973 -	34 The Fenway

Kappa Alpha Theta (ΚΑΘ), Zeta Mu Chapter (ΖΜ): February 9, 1991.

1991 - 2002	Non-residential female fraternity (sorority)
2002 - 2008	Sidney and Pacific Hall, Cambridge
2008 -	Green Hall, 350 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Kappa Sigma (ΚΣ), Gamma Pi Chapter (ΓΠ): August 3, 1914.

1912 - 1914	261 Newbury Street (as Delta Kappa Phi local fraternity established April 28, 1912 and succeeded by Kappa Sigma, Gamma Pi on August 3, 1914)
1914 - 1916	261 Newbury Street
1916 - 1922	512 Commonwealth Avenue
1922 - 1974	33 Bay State Road
1974 -	407 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Lambda Chi Alpha (ΛΧΑ), Lambda Zeta Chapter (ΛΖ): December 20, 1912. (6th chapter)

1913 - 1916	353 Newbury Street
1916 - 1920	200 Bay State Road
1920 - 1922	293 Newbury Street
1922 - 1925	463 Commonwealth Avenue
1926 - 1961	441 Beacon Street
1962 -	99 Bay State Road (LCA international suspended chapter on October 30, 2014)

Nu Delta (ΝΔ): 1977.

1936 - 1977	460 Beacon Street (as Phi Mu Delta, Nu Delta Chapter--disaffiliated with the Phi Mu Delta national in 1977; the local fraternity Nu Delta remained at the same address)
1977 -	460 Beacon Street

Phi Beta Epsilon (ΦΒΕ): April 1, 1890.

1890 - 1891	Non-residential fraternity
1892 - 1894	60 West Rutland Square
1894 - 1901	531 Massachusetts Avenue
1901 - 1917	237 Beacon Street
1917 - 1969	400 Charles River Road (Memorial Drive), Cambridge (House was leased to MIT as hospital adjunct during WWI)
1969 - 1970	24 & 26 Lee Street, Cambridge (temporary address during building renovations)
1970 - 2013	400 Memorial Drive, Cambridge
2013 - 2013	100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge (temporary address during building renovations)
2013 -	400 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Phi Delta Theta (ΦΔΘ), Massachusetts Gamma Chapter (Γ): August 30, 1932.

1922 - 1924	Non-residential fraternity (as Psi Delta, established April 18, 1922 and succeeded by Phi Delta Theta, Massachusetts Gamma Chapter August 30, 1932)
1924 - 1925	338 Harvard Street, Cambridge
1925 - 1926	459 Beacon Street
1926 - 1934	326 Bay State Road
1934 -	97 Bay State Road

Phi Kappa Sigma (ΦΚΣ), Alpha Mu Chapter (ΑΜ): October 16, 1903.

1903 - 1906	Non-residential fraternity
1906 - 1906	262 Newbury Street (January to September)
1906 - 1907	314 Newbury Street
1907 - 1909	422 Newbury Street
1909 - 1914	225 Newbury Street
1914 - 1922	203 Bay State Road
1922 -	530 Beacon Street

Phi Kappa Theta (ΦΚΘ), Massachusetts Eta (Η): May 16, 1918.

1918 - 1919	Non-residential fraternity, founded as Phi Kappa, Massachusetts Eta chapter
1919 - 1920	562 Newbury Street
1921 - 1924	299 Newbury Street
1925 - 1927	349 Commonwealth Avenue
1928 - 1941	278 Commonwealth Avenue
1941 - 1943	312 Beacon Street
1943 -	229 Commonwealth Avenue
1959	Phi Kappa fraternity and Theta Kappa Phi fraternity merged nationally to form Phi Kappa Theta on April 29
1975	Reorganization by Phi Kappa Theta national in 1975

Phi Sigma Kappa (ΦΣΚ), Omicron Chapter (Ο): May 24, 1902.

1902 - 1903	Non-residential fraternity
1903 - 1904	197 Longwood Avenue
1904 - 1906	48 Hereford Street
1906 - 1908	525 Newbury Street
1908 - 1909	282 Dartmouth Street
1909 - 1916	16 Exeter Street
1916 - 1925	517 Beacon Street
1925 -	487 Commonwealth Avenue

Pi Beta Phi (ΠΒΦ), MA Gamma (Γ) Chapter: November 15, 2008.

2008 - 2011 Non-residential sorority
2012 - 405 Memorial Drive, Cambridge

Pi Lambda Phi (ΠΛΦ), Massachusetts Theta (Θ): February 1, 1941.

1897 - 1900 Non-residential fraternity (as Pi Lambda Phi, Delta Nu Chapter--named before the merging of Pi Lambda Phi national with Phi Beta Delta (February 1, 1941), Beta Sigma Tau (November 1, 1960), and Beta Sigma Rho (December 12, 1972))
1920 - 1922 Non-residential fraternity (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter which was established February 28, 1920 and merged with Pi Lambda Phi, Massachusetts Theta Chapter--which seceded the inactive Pi Lambda Phi, Delta Nu Chapter--on February 1, 1941)
1922 - 1922 57 Troxteth Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1923 - 1923 80 Gardner Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1924 - 1924 57 Troxteth Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1925 - 1926 535 Newbury Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1927 - 1927 192 Bay State Road (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1928 - 1928 180 Naples Road, Brookline (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1929 - 1931 527 Beacon Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1932 - 1933 523 Newbury Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1934 - 1935 84 Bay State Road (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1936 - 1939 71 Bay State Road (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1940 - 1941 450 Beacon Street (as Phi Beta Delta, Theta Chapter)
1941 - 450 Beacon Street (as Pi Lambda Phi, Massachusetts Theta Chapter)

pika (pika): May 18, 1969.

1969 - 1970 41 Gardner Street, Allston (as Pi Kappa Alpha, Eta Delta Chapter)
1970 - 1981 69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge (as Pi Kappa Alpha, Eta Delta Chapter --became coed in 1975 and disaffiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha national in 1981; pika remained at the same address)
1981 - 69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (ΣΑΕ), Massachusetts Iota Tau Chapter (ΙΤ□): November 25, 1892.

1892 - 1916 90 Westmoreland Avenue, Boston
1916 - 1999 484 Beacon Street, Boston
2009 - 2011 Non-residential fraternity (as Sigma Alpha Epsilon colony)
2011 - 165 Bay State Road

Sigma Chi (ΣΧ), Alpha Theta Chapter (ΑΘ): March 22, 1882.

1882 - 1887 Non-residential fraternity
1887 - 1888 Oxford Terrace
1888 - 1889 Hotel Clifton--455 Columbus Avenue
1890 - 1902 1902 Huntington Avenue
1902 - 1908 311 Beacon Street
1908 - 1916 1067 Beacon Street, Brookline
1917 - 1918 Non-residential fraternity
1918 - 1919 Ritz-Carleton Hotel--1150 Beacon Street
1919 - 2013 532 Beacon Street
2013 - 2014 100 Memorial Drive, Cambridge (temporary address during building renovations)
2014 - 532 Beacon Street

Sigma Kappa (ΣΚ), Theta Lambda Chapter (ΘΛ): February 11, 1989.

1989 - 1994 Non-residential sorority
1994 - 1997 45 members given space in Ashdown
1997 - 480 Commonwealth Ave.

Sigma Nu (ΣΝ), Epsilon Theta Chapter (ΕΘ): 1925.

1925 - 1974 259 St. Paul Street (as Sigma Nu, Epsilon Theta Chapter--became coed in 1970 and disaffiliated with Sigma Nu national in 1974, but remained at the same address)
1990 - 1993 Non-residential fraternity (as Delta Pi local established in 1990 by the former members of Alpha Epsilon Pi after the reorganization of the chapter in 1990)
1992 - 1993 402 Marlborough Street (as Delta Pi)
1993 - 1995 Non-residential fraternity (as Sigma Nu colony)
1995 Re-chartered as Sigma Nu
1995 - 1999 523 Newbury Street, Boston
1999 - 2018 28 The Fenway, Boston (residence leased from Phi Gamma Delta alumni)
2018 - 99 Bay State Road, Boston (residence leased from Lambda Chi Alpha alumni)

Sigma Phi Epsilon (ΣΦΕ), Massachusetts Delta Chapter (Δ): February 22, 1952.

1948 - 1949	216 Newbury Street (as Pegis Club established on October 7, 1948 and succeeded by Sigma Phi Epsilon, Massachusetts Delta Chapter on February 22, 1952)
1949 - 1959	518 Beacon Street (as Pegis Club)
1959 - 2005	515 Beacon Street
2001	Reorganized by Alumni Board in 2001
2005	Reorganized by a partnership of MIT, SPE National, and Alumni Board in 2005
2005 - 2009	Non-residential fraternity
2009 -	518 Beacon Street

Student House (SH): Fall, 1930.

1930 - 1935	Originated fall, 1930, under MIT management and funded by an anonymous donor as male, non-fraternal living group
1935 - 1940	59 Bay State Road
1940 -	111 Bay State Road (on July 1, 1953, the Alumni Corporation bought Student House, thereby making it a fully independent living group; in 1969 it became a coed independent living group)

Tau Epsilon Phi (ΤΕΦ), Xi Chapter (Ξ): December 6, 1919 (reactivated October 19, 1957).

1917 - 1924	Non-residential fraternity
1924 - 1925	564 Newbury Street
1925 - 1926	180 Naples Road, Brookline (chapter became inactive in 1957)
1957 - 1958	486 Beacon Street
1958 -	253 Commonwealth Avenue
1971	Reorganization by Tau Epsilon Phi national in 1971

Theta Chi (ΘΧ), Beta Chapter (Β): December 3, 1902.

1902 - 1909	Non-residential fraternity
1909 - 1910	26 Cumberland Street
1910 - 1911	20 Cumberland Street
1911 - 1912	29 Cumberland Street
1912 - 1916	1049 Beacon Street
1916 - 1917	916 Beacon Street
1917 - 1922	161 Bay State Road
1922 -	528 Beacon Street

Theta Delta Chi (ΘΔΧ), Theta Deuteron Chapter (ΘΔ): March 21, 1890 (reactivated June 2, 1906).

1890 - 1892	Non-residential fraternity (chapter became inactive on October 5, 1892)
1903 - 1905	St. Botolph Street (as Alpha Epsilon local fraternity established 1903 and succeeded by Theta Delta Chi, Theta Deuteron Chapter on June 2, 1906)
1906 - 1908	53 Gloucester Street
1908 - 1910	262 Newbury Street
1910 - 1916	80 Bay State Road
1916 - 1930	334 Harvard Street, Cambridge
1930 - 1966	314 Charles River Road (Memorial Drive), Cambridge
1966 -	372 Memorial Drive, Cambridge (building renovations, including the addition of the fourth and fifth floors done during summer 1984)

Theta Tau (ΘΤ), Theta Tau, Eta (Technology) Chapter: First established May 23, 1912

1912 - 1929	Unhoused professional fraternity on campus. Membership included ILG fraternity members.
2016 -	526 Beacon Street (recolonized on April 16, 2016; achieved chapter status on April 29, 201)

Theta Xi (ΘΞ), Delta Chapter (Δ): April 19, 1885.

1885 - 1902	Non-residential fraternity
1902 - 1903	192 Dartmouth Street
1903 - 1904	137 Coolidge Street, Brookline
1904 - 1905	23 York Terrace, Brookline
1905 - 1906	192 Dartmouth Street
1906 - 1912	285 Newbury Street
1912 - 1918	283 Newbury Street
1918 - 1919	164 Rawson Road, Brookline
1919 - 1924	406 Marlborough Street
1924 - 1927	465 Commonwealth Avenue
1928 -	66 Bay State Road
1965 -	64 Bay State Road

Women's Independent Living Group (WILG).

1976 - 1977 351 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge
1977 - 355 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT), Xi Chapter (Ξ): February 25, 1911 (reactivated February 25, 1956).

1911 - 1914 282 Newbury Street
1914 - 1916 Batavia Street
1916 - 1920 Non-residential fraternity
1920 - 1922 535 Newbury Street
1957 - 1964 2018 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton
1964 - 58 Manchester Road, Brookline

Zeta Psi (ZΨ), Rho Alpha Chapter (ΡΑ): May 5, 1979.

1979 - 1981 905 Main Street, Cambridge
1981 - 233 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge

**Dormant chapters include ΑΤΩ, ΑΣΠ, ΦΓΔ, ΑΦΔ, ΚΑΨ, ΠΚΑ, ΣΑΜ (see Fenway House), ΦΜΔ, ΑΣΦ and the Non-Resident Student Association (NRSA). Below are histories of 5:15Club/NRSA, Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ), Alpha Tau Omega (ΑΤΩ), and Pi Kappa Alpha (ΠΚΑ). Historical information for other former MIT chapters is always welcome.

5:15 Club/Non-Resident Student Association: 1933.

1933-1959 Founded as 5:15 Club, an organization serving student commuters.
1956-1959 A second group, the Commuter Association formed, with offices on the second floor of Walker Memorial
1959-1966 318 Memorial Drive, two groups combined and renamed Non-Resident Student Association (NRSA) and recognized as an Independent Living Group
1966-1986 311 Memorial Drive. Move required to make way for McCormick Hall
1986 Disbanded due to low numbers in 1986

Alpha Sigma Phi (ΑΣΦ), Beta Beta Chapter (ΒΒ): May 4, 1929

1929 - 1929 Non-residential fraternity (as Alpha Club, established in February 1929 and by Alpha Kappa Pi on May 4, 1929. Alpha Kappa Pi merged with Alpha Sigma Phi on September 6, 1946)
1929 - 1934 44 Francis Street, Brookline,
1934 - 1936 136 Thorndike Street, Brookline
1936 - 1940 384 Marlborough Street, Boston. Became inactive in 1940.
2012 - 2014 Non-residential colony

Alpha Tau Omega (ΑΤΩ), Massachusetts Beta Gamma Chapter (ΒΓ): April 3, 1885.

1906 - 1910 26 Newbury Street
1910 - 1915 30 Newbury Street
1915 - 1916 336 Commonwealth Avenue
1916 - 1974 37 Bay State Road
1974 - 2009 405 Memorial Drive, Cambridge (chapter closed in fall, 2009)

Phi Gamma Delta (ΦΓΔ) Iota Mu Chapter (ΙΜ) 1889

1890 - 1894 334 Boylston St (lost charter in 1894)
1899 - 1900 10 Berkley Street (re-charted in 1899)
1900 - 1901 Osbourne Road, Brookline
1901 - 1905 74 Marlboro St
1905 - 1916 12 Newbury St
1916 - 1920 491 Commonwealth Ave
1919 - 1920 annex added at 591 Beacon St
1920 - 1921 39 Bay State Road
1921 - 1997 28 The Fenway (chapter suspended in 1997)
1999 - 2018 Malcolm Cotton Brown house corporation leased 28 The Fenway to Sigma Nu fraternity
2018 Sold 28 The Fenway and used proceeds to establish charitable gift fund

Pi Kappa Alpha-PIKE (ΠΚΑ), Eta Delta Chapter (ΕΔ): 1969.

1969 - 1970 41 Gardner Street, Allston
1970 - 1981 69 Chestnut Street, Cambridge (became coed in 1975 and disaffiliated with Pi Kappa Alpha national in 1981; pika remained at the same address)
2010 - 2011 Non-residential fraternity (as PIKE colony)