



Chi Epsilon

National Civil Engineering Honor Society

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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.

Welcome

Congratulations, once again! You have been chosen by Chi Epsilon at the University of California, Irvine because of your excellence in academia, which has placed you in the top one-third of your class. This is an AMAZING accomplishment, and you should be proud of it!

History

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. Soon the existence of the two groups became known to each other, and plans were immediately propagated to merge the two groups.

As soon as the plans for the local organization had been perfected, steps were taken to expand into a national fraternity by banding together with groups at various other universities. Many encouraging replies were received from various universities, but it was not until March 29, 1923 upon the installation of the Armour Chapter at the Armour Institute of Technology, that Chi Epsilon became truly a national fraternity.

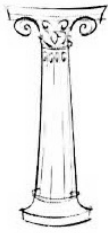
In the first 35 years of its history Chi Epsilon had established 49 chapters. Since then, the society has grown at a steady rate of 20 chapters per decade. The UC Irvine chapter of Chi Epsilon was established in 1988 as the 108th chapter. To date, the Irvine chapter has initiated 385 members. Currently, there are a total of 136 chapters and over 106,000 members nationwide.

Motto

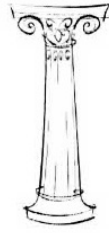
Chi Delta Chi symbolizes our English motto: Conception, Design, and Construction. These are the three phases of every creative project. Conception is inventive; it perceives the opportunity to do something and recognizes the means of accomplishment. Fitting that means of accomplishment to the specific 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.

The Four Pillars



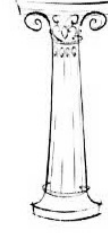
Character



Scholarship



Practicality



Sociability

Objectives of Chi Epsilon

1. Contribute to the improvement of the civil engineering profession as an instrument for the betterment of society.
2. Recognize the fundamental characteristics of the successful civil engineer and to aid in the development of these characteristics.
3. Foster 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.
4. Encourage wherever possible any movement which will advance the best interest of engineering education; to actively support, where necessary; and to institute procedures and practices for the improvement of the civil engineering departments at the schools at which chapters of Chi Epsilon are established.

Why join?

1. Membership is a reward for accomplishment. Your hard work in scholastic achievement is recognized and appreciated.
2. Chi Epsilon is a great place to network and make friends. We host a variety of social events to promote fraternity among civil engineering students.
3. Membership in Chi Epsilon is a mark of excellence readily recognized by others, including future employers.
4. The name "Chi Epsilon" looks great on your resume.
5. You will have the chance to get something extra out of your college experience, and give back to the school that has given you so much.
6. We offer you lifetime membership and a lifelong opportunity to develop and grow professionally.

A Few Chi Epsilon Facts

1. The letters of Chi Epsilon are XE.
2. Chi Epsilon's official colors are purple and white.
3. The official symbol of Chi Epsilon represents a front view of an engineer's transit.

Winter 2012 Initiate Requirements – “Description”

1. Meetings

To ensure that each candidate is making progress with the initiate requirements, each candidate is required to attend at least 5 of the 9 scheduled meetings. Two of these meetings will be **mandatory (January 24th and March 6th)**. By attending the informational meeting, one of the meeting requirements will be satisfied.

2. Officer Luncheon

In an effort to get to know each initiate, a scheduled one-on-one meeting with an officer will be required. The officer luncheon should be located outside of meetings and events hosted by Chi Epsilon. To schedule a luncheon, please contact any of the officers with a convenient time and place to meet. It is not necessary to have lunch and by no means is it necessary to pay for the officer's lunch. Please contact the officer early in order to provide an advanced notice.

3. Resume and Cover Letter

A resume and cover letter will be needed to be turned in before initiation (**April 14, 2012**) in order to convey that you will be a prepared individual looking for either a job, internship, or both. The officers will be there to assist you and the initiation requirements will help to assist you as well in writing a valuable resume that will serve your purpose well.

4. Team Project

To develop teamwork skills and comradeship between fellow initiates, each candidate is required to compete in **Popsicle Stick Bridge** that will occur during E-Week, **February 20th-24th**. Each group will be assigned a Chi Epsilon officer or member to act as a project advisor during the second meeting on January 24th, 2012. The event will involve a set amount of unknown materials that you and your team will have to strategically assemble to make the tallest and most stable structure. **Teams will be formed at the meeting.**

5. Character

The UCI Chapter of Chi Epsilon feels that character, one of the Four Pillars, can be measured by selfless acts to benefit the local community. Initiates will be required to complete **4 hours** of community service. The chapter will provide an opportunity to volunteer as a group on **Saturday, January 28th, 2012 and Saturday, February 25th, 2012** at Shadetree Nursery. In addition, we will be having beach cleanups, volunteering at various school events, and many more. It is also possible to volunteer outside of the listed events, but keep in mind **for events and tasks not directly hosted by Chi Epsilon, please provide an applicable form of physical proof** (i.e. a signature of a persons in charge, nametag etc.) **unless an officer is present at the event.**

6. Fundraising

You must complete three hours of fundraising. For this quarter's events we will be selling food on Ring Road. We will offer multiple days to choose from.

7. Scholarship

In addition to upholding a high academic standard, the UCI chapter requires initiates to complete **4 scholarship requirements** listed in the “Events and Tasks” list on page 5. The purpose of completing these tasks is to foster an interest in a specific CEE topic and to encourage the utilization of some of UCI's academic resources. **For events and tasks not directly hosted**

by Chi Epsilon, please provide an applicable form of physical proof (i.e. a signature of a professor, copy of scholarship application, copy of confirmation email for FE/EIT application, etc.) **unless an officer is present at the event.**

8. Practicality

In accordance with Chi Epsilon's mission statement and Practicality Pillar, initiates are required to complete **4 practicality requirements** in the "Events and Tasks" list on page 5. The listed requirements encourage initiates to explore different career options and provide a basis for professional development. **For events and tasks not directly hosted by Chi Epsilon, please provide an applicable form of physical proof** (i.e. handouts, dated signature of person(s) in charge, copy of application, etc.) **unless an officer is present at the event.**

9. Sociability

As sociability is one of the Four Pillars of Chi Epsilon, the UCI Chapter requires initiates to attend **4 Chi Epsilon-hosted social events**, which can be found in the "Events and Tasks" list on page 5. The purpose of this requirement is to get to know fellow CEE students, develop friendships and have fun!

10. Membership Fee

There is a \$95 lifetime membership fee for the UCI chapter of Chi Epsilon. \$62.75 of the \$95 is used to pay National Headquarters (which provides an initiation certificate and pin), while the remaining \$32.25 funds the initiates' banquet, FE Review Session, and attempts to make most socials free. A \$55 **nonrefundable** deposit is due on our third meeting (Date: January 24th, 2012). Payments will be directed to the treasurer, Dung Nguyen (dnguye58@uci.edu). The remaining payments will be due by our seventh meeting (March 6th). Checks shall be written out to Chi Epsilon UCI.

11. Initiation & Banquet

In order to become a member of Chi Epsilon, initiates must attend the initiation ceremony. Since the ceremony is a private event, guests will not be allowed to attend. The initiation will be held on **Saturday, April 14th, 2012 (Week 2)**. Additional information will be provided in the 2nd mandatory meeting prior to initiation (Week 9 of Winter). All initiates must dress in business attire; men may wear suits, dress shirts, slacks, and ties; women may wear suits, slacks, or semi-formal dresses.

A banquet will follow the initiation ceremony. Initiates may invite guests, but there will be a \$20-\$25 fee for each additional guest. Since the banquet fee is included in the membership fee, initiates are not required to pay. The time and location of the banquet are to be announced.

Winter 2012 Initiate Requirements – “Events and Tasks”

1. Meetings **[5 of 9]**
2. Officer Luncheon
3. Team Project
 - a. Popsicle Stick Bridge Competition – Week 7 of Winter Quarter
4. Resume and Cover Letter
 - a. Each initiate will provide a current resume and cover letter before initiation (due via email before **April 14, 2012**)
5. Character **[4 hours]**
 - a. Shadetree – Sat, January 28th, Sat, February 25th, 8:30-11am
 - b. XE Beach Cleanup – Saturday, March 3rd 3-5:30pm (Bonfire after for social)
 - c. Volunteer for E-Week BBQ – Week 7
 - d. KidWorks Tutoring- TBA
 - e. Food Bank- TBA
6. Fundraising **[3 hours]**
 - a. Selling Korean BBQ / Boba on Ring Road throughout quarter – Dates TBA
7. Scholarship **[4] – Academic-based Events**
 - a. Apply for a scholarship: <http://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/Scholarships.aspx>
 - b. Meet with an engineering professor (One time)
 - c. Meet with an engineering TA (One time)
 - d. Academic-related Graduate Center Workshops (i.e. Selecting & Applying to Grad School)
 - e. Seminars / Guest-speaker events about research or scholarships
 - f. Fastweb.com for scholarship opportunities
 - g. Attend a XE Group Study (One time)
 - h. Apply for Graduate School/ Show proof of application
8. Practicality **[4] – Career-based Events**
 - a. OCSD Tour-TBA
 - b. OCWD Tour-TBA
 - c. City of Newport Project Site Tour-TBA
 - d. Career Center Workshops **[Only one workshop will count]**
<http://www.career.uci.edu/EventCalendar.aspx> (RSVP on Zotlink)
 - e. CEE Quarterly Meeting– TBA
 - f. Other Engineering Seminar/Guest Speaker Events – i.e. ASCE, ITE, etc.
 - g. Apply for Spring/Fall 2012 FE/EIT
9. Sociability **[4]**
 - a. Hiking- January 21st, 2012: 9:30am-11:00am
 - b. Battle of the ESOs (TBA)
 - c. Movie Night – February 18th, 2012
 - d. Bonfire – March 3rd: 6pm-10pm
 - e. Pool night at Zotzone (Tuesday, February 7th, 2012)
 - f. Cha Night (January 31st, 2012)
 - g. Concrete Canoe Practices (TBA)
10. Membership Fee **[1st Payment \$55 due at the Week 3 Meeting]**
 - a. Total Fee - \$95.00
 - i. \$62.75 – National Fees + Certificate/Key
 - ii. \$22.25 – Initiation & Banquet Fee
 - iii. \$10 – FE Review Sessions & Social Events
11. Initiation & Banquet
 - a. Saturday April 14, 2012 (location and time TBD)
 - b. **If you cannot make this date, please let us know ASAP!**

Note: This schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced in meetings, through email, and will be updated on the website.

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