

TO: SPANISH MAJORS, MINORS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS
FROM: Lucia P. Lombardi, Ph.D.
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DATE: February 4, 2019
RE: 2019 SIGMA DELTA PI INITIATION

I wish to invite all Spanish majors, minors and graduate students (WHO QUALIFY) to apply for membership in the prestigious National Spanish Honor Society, *Sigma Delta Pi*. Membership in this society will distinguish you as a person who has attained excellence in the study of Spanish language, literature and culture. This can be an asset when you prepare your application for graduate studies or a position in any professional field.

NOTE: YOU MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SIGMA DELTA PI.

1. Each (candidate) must have completed three years of study of college-level Spanish (eighteen semester credit hours) or the equivalent thereof, including at least three semester hours of a course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture and civilization (Spanish for the professions may be considered as a Hispanic culture course provided that culture is the foundation of the course content) at the junior (third-year) level. A student may be admitted to active membership while still enrolled in the second junior-level course if all other requirements have been met and if the instructor of the course certifies that the student's work is of "B" or "A" quality.
2. The candidate for active membership must have a minimal grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 point scale in all Spanish courses taken. (*The candidate MUST have earned grades in completed Spanish courses in order to qualify for membership.*)
3. The candidate must rank in the upper 35% of his/her class—sophomore, junior, or senior—and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college work. (*Institutions unable to generate class rank should use a 3.2 cumulative GPA.*)
4. Graduate students who have been unconditionally admitted to a degree-granting program may be elected to membership upon completion of two graduate courses in Spanish with an average which, if continued, will make them eligible for a graduate degree.
5. Must be present at the initiation ceremony on **Thursday April 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. No one can be initiated in absentia.**

There will be a **\$25.00** fee to cover the cost of your **Certificate of Membership** and your **Sigma Delta Pi decorative pin.**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the *Sigma Delta Pi* National Spanish Honor Society, please:

- A) **FILL OUT the bottom portion and retain the top for your information.**
- B) **ATTACH your latest NEIU TRANSCRIPT and if you transferred any Spanish courses, your Evaluation of Transfer Credits as well**
- C) **RETURN A and B with your \$25 initiation fee (CASH ONLY) to Office LWH 2040 by: Thursday, February 28, 2019**

Please Print =====

I wish to be considered for initiation to *Sigma Delta Pi* National Honor Society.

_____ (Last name) _____ (First name) _____ (ID Number)

Signature: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

I am currently enrolled in the following Spanish course(s): _____