



The Constitution for the Ashford University chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society, called the Alpha Lambda Chapter.

Article I Name and Purpose

- Section 1. The name of this organization is the Alpha Lambda chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society at Ashford University.
- Section 2. Its purpose is to provide an association for and recognition of academically outstanding students in continuing higher education.
- Section 3. The society shall be a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement of scholarship.

Article II Membership

- Section 1. To meet the standards for membership to the Alpha Lambda chapter, student applicants shall satisfy the following requirements:
- a) Be seeking their first Bachelors Degree
 - b) Members must be matriculated and have a minimum of twenty-four graded semester hours or the equivalent* at this institution and shall be matriculated students in an undergraduate, Bachelors, degree program. These credits must not include transfer credits. All credits must be taken through and graded at Ashford University and must be included in the student's GPA.
 - c) At least twelve credits of a student's total credits shall be earned in courses in Liberal Arts/Sciences, not including applied Arts/Science courses. If the student has not earned twelve Liberal Arts/Sciences credits within the twenty-four credits completed at Ashford University, accepted transfer credits may be used to meet the Liberal Arts/Science requirements.
 - d) Members shall be selected only from the highest twenty percent of the class who have twenty-four (24) graded credits and are matriculated in an undergraduate, bachelors, degree program.
 - e) Those selected must have a minimum grade point index of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent. The cumulative scholastic record of the student as interpreted by this institution shall be the basis for computing scholastic eligibility.



- Section 2. This chapter may elect faculty and administrative officers to membership, provided that the number of such active members at any time shall not exceed twenty members or ten percent of the total membership of the chapter, whichever is larger.
- Thirty-six (36) quarter hours or an approved number of unit courses equal to twenty-four (24) semester hours.)

Article III Representation and Legislative Authority

- Section 1. The continuing education dean or director or a designated deputy of Ashford University shall be the Chapter's National Councilor and the Chapter's representative to the national convention. The Chapter's National Councilor shall be registered with the Society's National Executive Director.
- Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this constitution, in the absence of a standing rule to the contrary, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern meetings of this organization.

Article IV Officers & Committees

- Section 1. The Dean of External Studies at Ashford University or their Deputy serving as the National Councilor for the Alpha Lambda chapter shall serve as the sole member of the executive committee when this chapter is chartered.
- Section 2. The chapter shall operate strictly as an honorary unless or until sufficient student interest has been shown to warrant the election of student officers. At that time, student members shall elect officers as outlined by the National Constitution guidelines in effect at that time.
- Section 3. The National Office shall be notified when the change in procedures is established and the date and manner in which the changes shall take effect.

Article V Finances

- Section 1. The fiscal year shall begin on January 1st of each year.
- Section 2. The annual dues to the National Organization shall be payable upon notification by the National Office.



- Section 3. Dues for new members shall be charged in accordance with an amount specified annually by the Executive Committee of this chapter.
- Section 4. An annual review of the Treasurer's records shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of this Chapter for their review and approval.

Article VI Amendments

- Section 1. Constitutional amendments for this chapter will be drafted by the National Councilor and/or the Executive Committee of the chapter.
- Section 2. A draft of the proposed amendment will be submitted for approval to the National Executive Director of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Office.
- Section 3. Upon approval by the National Executive Director, the amendment shall be considered ratified and a finalized copy placed in both the files of the chapter and the National Office.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is committed to the elimination of discrimination based on gender, race, class, economic status, ethnic background, sexual orientation, age, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds.