

After a multi-year effort that included education professionals interviewing students at the 2012 Convention in Boston, and phone interviews with other students at their campuses, Theta Tau, working with RISE Partnerships, published the New Member Education Manual in Fall 2013. **This Manual comes in three versions:**

1. **Basic** – suggested for struggling chapters and new colonies. It also provides a basis for replacing a chapter’s problematic pledge education practices with a safe, creative, and supportive program.
2. **Non-traditional** – suggested for commuter campuses, or campuses with a number of part-time, night-time, and returning students. It also provides suggestions for organizing activities and events when campus space is not available to the chapter.
3. **Standard** – suggested for chapters that are relatively healthy, and on campuses that have an active, supportive, and that operate in a traditional manner with support of the IFC or Registered Student Organization office. It may also serve to filter potentially harmful pledging practices.

These Manuals can be found on Theta Tau website <http://thetatau.org/forms-manuals-resources>

Over the past few years, Theta Tau chapters and members have repeatedly been harassed, investigated, and punished by school administrators even for activities that chapter members thought were innocent or fun. In some instances, accusations against chapters were later proven false but still took a serious toll on the chapter’s time and morale.

Following a well-documented program such as those contained in these manuals is key to avoiding such troubles and in being able to defend yourselves in the event that accusations do arise.

Finally, the national Fraternity provides a 10 % discount on annual liability insurance invoices this school year for those chapters that are implementing one of these programs this year. If you are interested, please return the reverse side of this page below to the Central Office and your Regional Director:

Check which Manual version your chapter is using for the 2017-18 School & Policy Year:

Basic **Non-traditional** **Standard**

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