HONORARY AND RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

Honorary and recognition societies at the University of Vermont recognize student contributions to the UVM community and their leadership in campus life.

University honorary societies include the Boulder Society, which acknowledges outstanding senior men; and the Tower Society, which acknowledges outstanding senior women.

National honorary societies represented on campus are as follows:

The Phi Beta Kappa Society established the Vermont Alpha Chapter at the university in 1848 and the local chapter was the first in Phi Beta Kappa to initiate women into membership. Initiates are chosen on the basis of high scholastic standing with emphasis on a broad distribution of liberal studies. This is interpreted to mean course work in all seven College of Arts and Sciences distribution categories including intermediate-level foreign language study. Membership criteria are published on the web; interested students and advisors should consult the chapter president.

The Mortar Board is a national society for senior women and men. Although membership in Mortar Board comes as a high honor for a UVM student in recognition of outstanding service, scholarship, and leadership, it is also a challenge for continued unselfish service in the best interests of the college campus.

The Golden Key National Honor Society recognizes the top fifteen percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study. The society emphasizes scholarship and community service.

The Society of the Sigma Xi, established in 1945, initiates those who have proven their ability to do research in one of the sciences, including students who have a high scholastic standing.

The alpha chapter of Nu Delta Epsilon was established at UVM in 1993. It is the first national honor society to recognize non-degree students who excel academically and exhibit a strong commitment to higher education and personal achievement.

The National Society for Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) recognizes first- and second-year students for outstanding academic achievement.

Other honorary societies include: Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Alpha Omega Alpha (medical), Alpha Zeta (agriculture), Beta Gamma Sigma (business administration), Chi Epsilon (civil engineering), Eta Sigma Phi (classical studies), Delta Sigma Rho (debating), Gamma Theta Upsilon (geography), Justin Morrill Honors program (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences), Kappa Delta Pi (education), Lambda Alpha (anthropology), Lola Aiken Scholars program (Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources), Omicron Nu (home economics), Order of Omega (fraternities and sororities), Phi Alpha (social work), Phi Alpha Theta (history), Phi Eta Sigma (first-year students), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honors society), Sigma Theta Tau (nursing), Tau Beta Pi (engineering), and Upsilon Pi Epsilon (computer science).