



Graduate Student Handbook

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs

The Meredith College Nutrition Graduate Student Association (NGSA) is a student-led, service leadership and professional development organization for the Master of Science in Nutrition students at Meredith College. The main goal is to network with nutrition professionals, give back to the local community with service and promote awareness of vital nutrition issues that impact our world.

Meredith's Industrial-Organizational Psychology (MIOP) Student Organization's purpose is to further strengthen our I-O Psychology Master of Arts program's fun, supportive and collaborative culture. While the organization's goals will shift to meet needs of current students, its overarching purpose is to:

- Promote internal communication between IO graduate students & faculty;
- Organize social events;
- Engage with external community (future students, alumni, SIOP, local non-profit orgs).

Membership is free to join and open to any interested student in the program who is in good academic standing. Annually, typically in January, first year students can apply for MIOP Executive Leadership positions. These 12-month appointments include: President, New Student Ambassador, and Communications Officer.

Honor Societies

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice)

Alpha Phi Sigma recognizes academic excellence of graduate students of Criminal Justice. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership, and unity. Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society, is a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies, and is affiliated with the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Masters students shall be enrolled at the time of application in Meredith's MA program in Criminal Justice, have completed four courses, and have a minimum GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) is the international business honor society, with a mission to honor student excellence in business education, develop forward-thinking business leaders, and foster a global community to be catalysts for good. Students from across the world join Beta Gamma Sigma for access to a lifetime of networking, recognition and professional development. The top 20% of master's

students are eligible after completing half of their program. If you are eligible to become a member, your university will notify BGS, and BGS will send an invitation via email. You can accept your membership by clicking the link in that invitation message, paying the membership fee, and completing your member profile. Once completed, you will be a Beta Gamma Sigma lifetime member. For more information, contact the Meredith College School of Business MBA Program

Kappa Delta Pi (Education)

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is the premier National Professional Association and Honor Society. KDP inspires and equips teachers to thrive by providing a supportive community, professional development resources, and opportunities for growth from campus to classroom. Undergraduate students must be accepted into the department of education and have a GPA of 3.0. Graduate and post-baccalaureate licensure students must have completed six credits and have a GPA of 3.0. The department hosts an initiation ceremony in the Spring of each year. For more information, contact Jennifer Olson,

Kappa Omicron Nu (Nutrition)

Kappa Omicron Nu is a national Honor Society available for Master of Science in Nutrition students. To be admitted as a member, a graduate student must have a minimum GPA of 3.7 or above and completed 12 hours of graduate work at Meredith. Students must also have shown evidence of superior personal qualities and leadership potential. Students join Kappa Omicron Nu by invitation only. For more information, contact Tracy Smith, Program Director, MS Nutrition.

Phi Kappa Phi (Multi-disciplinary)

Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) National Honor Society is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Its motto is "let the love of learning rule humanity" and its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engage the community of scholars in service to others". Meredith's chapter was established in Fall 2023, welcoming its first (graduate and undergraduate) student members during an April 2024 ceremony. Membership is by invitation only, to the top 10 percent of graduate students. For more information on the benefits of membership, you can visit the national website at <https://www.phikappaphi.org/>, or contact the chapter President, Jessica Thorpe at jlthorpe@meredith.edu. .