

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Collegiate Panhellenic Council (CPC) Continuous Open Bidding (Informal Recruitment)

What is Continuous Open Bidding (COB)?

Continuous Open Bidding (COB) is a relaxed and informal process that sororities use to welcome new members. Unlike formal recruitment, there are no silence rules, long days of moving from event to event, or complex invitation procedures. When a sorority participates in COB, they simply reach out to potential new members directly and host informal events to get to know them better. Each chapter's approach is different—some might take a potential member out to dinner, while others may host a ‘board game night’ in the chapter room and invite potential members to join. These events are always a fun and casual way to meet people.

When is it held?

COB occurs continuously throughout the year, except during school breaks and formal recruitment periods. Chapters can hold COB at their preferred times if they are below the maximum membership total. In the fall, COB starts after the formal structured recruitment ends and continues until Study Day (the Friday before Finals Week). In the spring, COB begins on the first Tuesday of classes and runs until Study Day.

Who is eligible?

All full-time UIC women students are eligible to participate as long as they meet three conditions:

1. They must meet the university’s minimum requirements:
 - (a) Be enrolled as a full-time student in good standing.

(b) Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (for entering freshmen, this is based on high school GPA; for current UIC students, it's their UIC GPA; for transfer students, it's their transfer GPA).

(c) Complete a Fraternity and Sorority Life orientation session after joining.

2. They must not have been initiated into a National Panhellenic Conference sorority before.

3. They must not have received or declined a bid during the most recent formal recruitment.

COB Fall 2024 Interest Form

Please be aware: while a chapter may be eligible for COB, it does not necessarily mean they will participate. Additionally, submitting the interest form does not guarantee that a woman will be contacted by a chapter.

Link: <https://go.uic.edu/Panhellenic-COB>