



Gamma Theta Upsilon

International Geographical Honor Society

Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) is an international honor society in geography. Gamma Theta Upsilon was founded in 1928 and became a national organization in 1931. Members of GTU have met academic requirements and share a background and interest in geography. GTU chapter activities support geography knowledge and awareness.

The Purposes of GTU Are:

1. To further professional interest in geography by affording a common organization for those interested in this field.
2. To strengthen student and professional training through academic experiences other than those of the classroom and laboratory.
3. To advance the status of geography as a cultural and practical discipline for study and investigation.
4. To encourage student research of high quality and to provide an outlet for publication.
5. To create and administer funds for furthering graduate study and/or research in the field of geography.
6. To encourage members to apply geographic knowledge and skills in service to humankind.

Eligibility for Membership

Persons seeking membership must be initiated through an established chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon. There are two classes of membership in GTU:

Regular Member: Initiates must have completed a minimum of 3 geography courses, have a GPA of at least 3.3 in geography courses, rank in the top 35% of their class, and have completed at least 3 semesters or 5 quarters of college course work.

Honorary Member: Honorary membership is available only under extraordinary circumstances and upon approval by the Executive Committee for a person whom the committee feels has contributed to a marked advancement in any phase of geography. A chapter may apply directly to the Executive Committee to petition for honorary membership on behalf of an individual.

Why Should You Join GTU?

Gamma Theta Upsilon membership is earned through superior scholarship; it is an honor, and a professional distinction. Members receive a certificate, suitable for framing.

No further membership dues are paid to the national organization after the initiation fee.

Benefits of GTU Membership

Most chapters organize and host speakers, campus-wide programs, field trips and social events. Chapter members participate in service functions.

Members can engage in numerous extra-curricular activities.

Membership provides a network that helps students become better acquainted with other geography students and faculty.

Members can improve their expertise in the field of geography by learning things not normally covered in the classroom.

Members are eligible to apply for a variety of Gamma Theta Upsilon scholarships.

Membership in an academic honor society is evidence of your dedication to and competency in your potential career field. Some employers give hiring preference or a higher starting salary to honor society members.

For Membership Information

Ask your local chapter officers or GTU faculty sponsor for information on membership procedures and the many benefits of joining Gamma Theta Upsilon.