



SIGMA TAU DELTA

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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Alpha Tau Phi Chapter

Sigma Tau Delta – At A Glance

- English honor society for 4-year colleges and universities
- Established in 1924 to confer distinction for high achievement in English language, literature, and writing
- Dedicated to fostering literacy and all aspects of the discipline of English
- Over 800 local chapters in the U.S. and abroad—and growing

Membership Requirements

Student membership is available to undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at a college or university with an active Sigma Tau Delta chapter

- Must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work
- Must have completed a minimum of four classes in English beyond the university writing requirement by the Spring term of the application year
- Must have an overall GPA of 3.25 and an English GPA of 3.5

Enrollment Fee

Each new student member pays a one-time induction fee of \$40 for a lifetime membership. Local chapter dues may vary.

- Contact Dani Ebel, chapter president (danicae@uoregon.edu), or Dr. Corbett Upton, chapter faculty sponsor (cupton@uoregon.edu), or visit english.uoregon.edu/undergraduate/sigmataudelta for information about how to apply.
- Applicants with demonstrable financial need may be eligible to have dues and fees waived. The Olwen William Harris Endowment Fund has been established to help students who cannot afford to pay initiation fees. To receive money from this fund, students must complete a request form, available from the Office of the Dean of Students.

Membership Benefits

Lifetime Academic Recognition

- Members receive a personalized Sigma Tau Delta membership certificate and the official Society pin to signify high achievement in English language, writing, and literature.

Scholarships and Internships

- Members are eligible to apply for a variety of Sigma Tau Delta scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each.
- Members may apply for internship opportunities with a major publisher; an online book store that funds worldwide literacy initiative; and various Washington-based internship programs.

Annual Convention

- Members may submit papers for presentation at the annual sigma Tau Delta international convention. Works selected for presentation are also eligible for overall awards and monetary prizes
- Members who attend the annual convention have opportunities to hear students from throughout the U.S. and abroad present their creative and critical writing, to attend sessions on student leadership and chapter activities, and to listen to presentations by noted authors. Features speakers at recent conventions include Neil Gaiman, Azar Nafisi, Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey, Ursula K. Le Guin, and Leslie Marmon Silko.

Writing Awards and Publishing Opportunities

- Members may submit papers for publication in The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle and The Sigma Tau Delta Review. Works selected for publication are also eligible for overall awards and monetary prizes.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's online publications, The Sigma Tau Delta Newsletter and WORDY by Nature, the official Sigma Tau Delta blog.
- Members may submit articles to Sigma Tau Delta's regional publications, where available.

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