



**PHI ALPHA THETA**  
**ALPHA-NU-UPSILON CHAPTER**  
University of Houston-Downtown

**What is Phi Alpha Theta?**

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society, Inc., is a charter member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). It was first established on March 17, 1921 at the University of Arkansas, Phi Alpha Theta now has over 800 active chapters and 275,000 members, initiates an average 9,000 students each year, hosts 35 regional meetings nationwide each spring, and awards 25 scholarships and prizes. Publishes a peer-reviewed journal, *The Historian*, and updates members of important events and information in *The News Letter*.

**What is the mission of Phi Alpha Theta?**

“We are a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.”

**What qualification do I need to join?**

At least 3.0 overall GPA

At least 12 hours in history courses, with a minimum 3.1 GPA in those courses.

Graduate students must have completed at least 12 semester hours toward their Master's degree in History and have a GPA of better than 3.5.

**Do I have to be a History major?**

While you don't have to be history major, you must have at least 12 hours credit in history courses

**What are the membership fees?**

There is a one-time membership fee of \$65 payable to **UHD**. This includes a lifetime membership in the honor society, a membership certificate, and a one-year subscription to our journal, *The Historian*.

**How can I learn more about Phi Alpha Theta?**

Please contact either of the following persons:

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**To Join, Please fill out the Membership Application below, and attach a copy of your latest transcript (unofficial is fine)**

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**Membership Application Sheet**

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— A Matter of HONOR —

## Reach for Excellence

Honor society membership, like most worthwhile things in life, does not come easily. Therefore, when an invitation to membership arrives, it truly is a *matter of honor*, reflecting exceptional academic achievement and perhaps outstanding campus leadership and service.

The organizations listed on this web site meet the high standards of the Association of College Honor Societies. Certain societies induct first-year students while others elect only upper-class or graduate students; some include all academic fields, while others focus on specialized areas such as English or engineering. But all of the societies bestow honor, recognition, and lifetime distinction.

Don't let the Greek names fool you. College honor societies are not social clubs or political organizations, nor is membership in them a path to instant success. Honor society members are people—like you—with similar interests and high achievements. They are eager to advance scholarship, ethics, and professionalism in their academic disciplines. Consider these benefits college honor societies offer:

## Recognize Your Outstanding Achievement

Though achievement is its own reward, earning your honor society key or pin demonstrates that you have accomplished something that makes you special and puts you at the top of your chosen field. Having an honor society listed on your resumé provides a tangible sign of your academic success.

## Enrich Your Education

Honor societies, especially those serving a single academic discipline, help to keep members current in their fields through publications and by means of local, state, regional, and national meetings. This service begins during the college years and extends into the alumni programs that many of the societies offer. Whether or not you choose to remain in the field related to your college major, your honor society affiliation broadens your horizons and your education.

## Help You Make Career Choices

Honor societies provide members with more insight into disciplines than can be gained through classroom experience alone. Honor societies help members decide direction for future study and development by sponsoring activities that explore various fields.

## Advance Your Professional Career

Whether you intend to go to graduate school or use your knowledge in industry or the professions, your college honor society key helps open doors. People in your field recognize your membership as a mark of excellence that identifies you as exceptional. An invitation to membership in an honor society is more than a recognition of your success; it is an invitation to excellence. Reach for excellence.

## ***Accept the Challenge***

*The above text is from the Association of College Honor Societies webpage <<http://www.achsnatl.org/achsbene.asp>>*

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**PRINT OR TYPE:** *Upon notification of acceptance, new members will need to pay \$65 at the UH Cashier's Office.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID # \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION     Undergraduate     Graduate    GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS YOU'VE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES YOU PARTICIPATE IN: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERGRADUATES & MASTER'S CANDIDATES:  
PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF ALL TRANSCRIPTS, INCLUDING A CURRENT COPY OF YOUR  
UHD TRANSCRIPT (UNOFFICIAL IS FINE).**

How many History Courses are currently enrolled in?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you taken 12 hours or more of History classes?
- Is your GPA in History classes at least 3.1?
- Is your overall GPA at least 3.0?
- History Major (if not, declared major: \_\_\_\_\_)

*I authorize UH-Downtown to disclose my overall UHD GPA, and my transcript of courses from my educational record to the UH Phi Alpha Theta advisor for the purpose of determining eligibility for membership.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_