

**Epsilon Chi-South Carolina**

**Fast Facts:**

* Installation date: October 19, 1985
* Closure date: September 22, 2003
* Location: Charleston, South Carolina
* Region: 3

**History:**

South Carolina College was established in December 19, 1801 by the state of South Carolina as an effort to unite its citizens in the wake of the American Revolution. Offering a traditional classical curriculum, South Carolina College became one of the most influential colleges in the South before 1861, earning a reputation as the training ground for South Carolina's antebellum elite. In 1861, after South Carolina seceded from the Union, the college closed due to the lack of students but reopened in 1866 as the University of South Carolina.

The Fraternity’s interest in the University of South Carolina dates to the 1940’s, but it wasn’t until the 1980’s that the Fraternity was able to establish on the campus. Prior to the fall of 1985, the University of South Carolina was open for extension by an NPC organization. Delta Gamma was one of four NPC organizations to present and was ultimately chosen by the campus Panhellenic to establish. The Epsilon Chi chapter of Delta Gamma established on March 1, 1985 after a successful establishment period. Women of the Epsilon Kappa-Clemson chapter performed the pledging ceremony. The chapter was officially installed on October 19, 1985.

Epsilon Chi participated in the pilot of a Fraternity program for high-risk chapters in the spring of 1999. The program attempted to reorganize the chapter by realigning its operations and objectives with the standards of the Fraternity. The program was ultimately not successful, and the chapter was officially closed on September 22, 2003.