

After a multi-year effort that included education professionals interviewing students at the 2012 Convention in Boston, and phone interviews with other students at their campuses, Theta Tau, working with RISE Partnerships, published the New Member Education Manual. **This Education Manual is available in three versions:**

1. **Basic** – suggested for struggling chapters and new colonies. It also provides a basis for replacing a chapter’s problematic pledge education practices with a safe, creative, and supportive program.
 2. **Non-traditional** – suggested for commuter schools or campuses with a number of part-time, night-time, and returning students. It suggests ways to organize activities/events when campus space is not readily available.
 3. **Standard** – suggested for chapters that are healthy, and on campuses that have an active, supportive, and that operate in a traditional manner with support of the IFC/RSO office. It also serves to filter out unhealthy practices.
- Manuals can be found on Theta Tau website <http://thetatau.org/forms-manuals-resources>.
 - Prospective New Member Workbook for each module is found at <http://thetatau.org/member-education>
 - Alternatively, each of these direct links may be used:
 - ❖ [Workbook-Basic Model](#)
 - ❖ [Workbook -Standard Model](#)
 - ❖ [Workbook-Non-Traditional Model](#)

Over the past few years, Theta Tau chapters and members have repeatedly been harassed, investigated, and punished by school administrators even for activities that chapter members thought were innocent or fun. In some instances, accusations against chapters were later proven false but still took a serious toll on the chapter’s time and morale. Following a well-documented program such as those contained in these manuals is key to avoiding such troubles and in being able to defend yourselves if allegations do arise.

Finally, **chapters *not following* one of these 3 models** for new member education will be ***assessed a 10% penalty*** on the annual liability insurance invoices for this school year. **To avoid assessment of this 10% surcharge, please return this page** to the Central Office and your Regional Director **by October 1st**.

Indicate which Manual version your chapter is using for the 2019-20 School & Policy Year:

Basic **Non-traditional** **Standard**

Name _____ Chapter _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Return **immediately** to central.office@thetatau.org, and your **[Regional Director](#)**.