

Semester: FALL 2016 (8/22 – 12/7)

Course: Marching Band – MUS 1113 012 (11637)

*This course meets TTh 4-5:30p.m. in FAB 100 (Band Hall) **OR** Jackson Stadium, TBA*

- *This class will meet in the mornings on game days (please see the schedule below).*
- *Occasionally, this class may meet on Fridays from 4-5 p.m., location TBA*

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Office Hours: MW 10-10:30am, 5:30-6pm; TTh 10:30-11am, 12:15-12:45pm, and 5:30-6pm

Materials:

Students are responsible to provide their own instruments and accessories, or to arrange this with the director. Students must return all borrowed materials and equipment prior to the end of the semester or will have a hold on their records and will be financially responsible for replacing any materials not checked-in.

Course Description: The Marching Band studies and performs marching and pep band repertoire, and other music for athletic and ceremonial events. The Marching Band performs at all home football games, in the homecoming parade, and for various University events such as the Fall Sully Showcase and pep rallies.

Student Learning Outcomes for Music Majors:

SLO 1: All students will demonstrate the ability to integrate appropriate musical expression into performance.

SLO 2: All students will demonstrate the ability to research and prepare appropriate program notes.

SLO 3: All students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate and critique a musical performance.

Student Learning Outcomes for the Course (SLOs):

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate improved ensemble playing and marching ability. (*knowledge, skill, and disposition*)
2. Demonstrate improved sight-reading ability appropriate to individual skill level. (*skill and disposition*)
3. Demonstrate *knowledge* of appropriate historical and musical style appropriate to literature studied.
4. Discuss one or more new style(s) of music, one or more new composer(s), and one or more new pedagogical and/or marching technique(s) covered during the semester. (*knowledge and disposition*)

Major Assignments with Matched SLOs:

- Students must practice their ensemble parts and marching drill individually in preparation for rehearsals 1., 2., 3.
- Students are required to meet with their sections to practice deficient portions of the music or marching 1., 3.
- Students are expected to listen to this music and music by these composers and important artists and groups at home. 1., 2., 3., 4.
- Students will perform this repertoire in front of a live audience. 1., 3.

ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act):

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartze, M.Ed., L.P.C. in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8203. E-mail: mschwartz@sulross.edu.

Rehearsal Policies:

1. Students are expected to attend each rehearsal and to arrive on time. Excessive absences and late arrivals impact the ability of the ensemble to rehearse effectively and may negatively impact the student grade.
2. Students are expected to have all necessary materials at each rehearsal. This includes all instruments, music, accessories, and a working pencil.
3. If you must miss rehearsal, please inform the director no less than 36 hours in advance so your absence can be planned for.

Attendance Policy:

Since we have relatively few class meetings, and a great amount of material to cover, attendance is required. Extenuating circumstances should be discussed with the instructor prior to an absence, or as soon as possible following. Work conflicts are treated as unexcused absences and are not tolerated. Unexcused absences will be treated as follows:

1st Absence: Warning

2nd Absence: Lowering of earned grade by one full letter

3rd Absence: Lowering of earned grade by two full letters

4th Absence: Lowering of earned grade to an F

5th Absence: Expulsion from class

No absence will be excused without written authorization. If you are receiving a Band Excellence Scholarship, unexcused or excessive excused absences may impact the amount you receive.

Tardy Policy

Being late to class is disruptive to other students, the teacher, and the learning process. If you enter after the start of class, you are tardy. The start of class is defined as the point at which the teacher begins teaching. Your first tardy is free. After that, every two tardies will be counted as one unexcused absence, and will fall under the attendance policy in effecting your grade. If you are tardy for what you believe is an excusable reason, please speak with me in person after class.

Written authorization may be required. Excessive tardiness may affect scholarship recipients.

Cell Phone Policy

Class time is limited and use of cell phones causes unneeded distraction to the learning process. Therefore, cell phone use during class is strictly prohibited, and repeated violation of this policy will have an effect on your grade. The following are the grade repercussions for violation of this policy:

1st Offense – Warning

2nd Offense – Lowering of earned grade by one full letter

3rd Offense – Lowering of earned grade by two full letters

4th Offense – Lowering of earned grade to an F

5th Offense – Expulsion from class

Professional Communication Policy

All communication with me should be done via e-mail or my office phone number, both of which are listed at the top of the syllabus, or in person. You will be expected to check your e-mail on a regular basis for communications from me. Facebook is not an acceptable form of professional communication.

Concert Dress:

Performance dress will be:

Marching Band shirt, Black Pants/Slacks (No jeans or denim material), Black Belt, Black Socks, Black Shoes.

Performing for school functions may require a change in dress, such as wearing school colors. The director will inform the group in a timely fashion if this is required.

Grading

Grades are not given, they are EARNED. Students will have the opportunity to earn points in the following areas:

Daily Participation Grade (contract return, preparation, memorization, & participation) 50%

- Occasionally there will be memorization tests that may affect your daily participation grade.

Performances (Prompt arrival at call time, have all necessary materials and music, proper dress) 50%

Letter grades will be based on the following percentages:

90-100 = A = Excellent

80-89 = B = Good

70-79 = C = Average

60-69 = D = Poor

Below 60 = F = Failure

I = Incomplete

Tentative Schedule and Topics to be covered:

Daily Activities will include at least 3 of the following:

- Study of daily routines and warm-ups
- Scales and technical exercises
- Balance, blend, and intonation studies
- Rehearsal of literature for performance, including marching
- Listening to literature to be performed or other standard repertoire, accompanied by a discussion
- Improvisation
- Sight-reading
- Study of marching techniques and fundamentals
- Discussion of performance practice issues

Calendar (Subject to Change):

Date	Event
Tues. 8/23	Overview, Syllabus, Dist. Instruments, Listening, FAB 100
Thurs. 8/25	Music Rehearsal, FAB 100 Load band trailer
Fri. 8/26	Percussion Sectional and Part Assignment (practice switching)
Sat. 8/27	BAND CAMP Marching 9-11:30, Jackson Stadium Music 1-3:30, FAB 100
Sun. 8/28	BAND CAMP Marching & AUDITIONS 9-11:30, Jackson Stadium Music & AUDITIONS 1-3:30, FAB 100
Tues. 8/30	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 9/1	Music – FAB 100

Tues. 9/6	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 9/8	Music – FAB 100
Tues. 9/13	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 9/15	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Sat. 9/17	Home Game 1 9-10:30 am Marching 5PM call time 6PM kickoff
Tues. 9/20	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 9/22	Music – FAB 100
Tues. 9/27	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs.. 9/29	Music – FAB 100
Sat. 10/1, all day	MARCHING CLINIC
Tues. 10/4	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 10/6	NO CLASS – rescheduled for Friday due to Wind Ensemble and Concert Choir concert
Fri. 10/7	Marching – Jackson Stadium 4-5pm Homecoming Parade 6pm Pep rally following
Sat. 10/8	Home Game 2 10-11:30 Alumni Band activities! 5pm set-up 6pm kickoff
Tues. 10/11	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 10/13	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Sat. 10/15	Home Game 3 9-10:30am Marching – Jackson Stadium 1pm set up 2pm kickoff
Tues. 10/18	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 10/20	Music – FAB 100
Tues. 10/25	Marching - Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 10/27	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Sat. 10/29	Home Game 4 9-10:30am Marching – Jackson Stadium 1pm set-up 2pm kickoff
Tues. 11/1	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Thurs. 11/3	Marching – Jackson Stadium
Sat. 11/5	Home Game 5 Morning TBA – Sully Showcase,

	Gallego Center 5pm set-up 6pm kickoff
Tues. 11/8	Unload band trailer and return instruments
All later dates	By appointment
Thurs. 12/8 (estimated)	TBA Commencement Rehearsal (Gallego Center Fishbowl or TBA)
Fri. 12/9	Commencement 7 P.M. Gallego Center