University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hen Marching Band

Syllabus

MEMBERSHIP, CREDIT AND REGISTRATION

The UDMB is open to students in all colleges and departments of the University. All members must be registered for Marching Band, MUSC 113-010 or MUSC113-011, for one (1) credit hour. In addition all members must be registered for and complete a minimum of 6 academic credits. Registration in Marching Band for music majors will satisfy ensemble and graduation course requirements for the Music Department degree in either Music Education or Performance, and also the 2-year Marching Band requirement for the Instrumental Music Education curriculum.

REHEARSALS

UDMB rehearsals are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the designated rehearsal areas. On the Saturday of a home game, a rehearsal will begin at 8:00 AM for morning games and 1:00 PM for evening games. *Times are determined by football schedule.)*

ABSENCES

Each member of the UDMB performs an important part in our organization and performance. Therefore, prompt and regular attendance is assumed for all personnel. All excused absences (see below) **must be written** and presented to the director. Percussionists are required to provide a copy to the assistant director, and auxiliary members are required to provide a copy to the visual coordinator.

Acceptable excused absences are:

- Religious holidays
- Death in family
- Scheduled exams
- Illness or injury accompanied by a doctor's note**

Each request for an excused absence will be reviewed on an individual basis.

The Director, Assistant Director and staff shall have final jurisdiction over the rules and polices stated in this document.

SPECIFIC GRADING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Performances schedule is available at the beginning of every June prior to each season. It can be viewed on the band website at http://www.udmb.org
Attendance at ALL performances, including home playoff games and away championship game is mandatory.

Grading policy is designed to reflect the unique requirements of enrollment in a performing group in which:

1. Each member is expected to participate for the entire performance season;
2. Each member is expected to fulfill the individual responsibilities of performing his/her own part at the highest possible level;
3. Each member is expected to meet his/her responsibilities to the entire group; and,
4. Each member is expected to meet standards of punctuality and attendance that are more demanding than those encountered in courses that do not need the presence of each member in order to provide the best experience for all members.

The following are taken into account when determining the students' final grades:

- Attendance will be taken at 4:00 PM at each weekday rehearsal, and 8:00 AM or 1:00 PM on Game Day rehearsals (time determined by football schedule)
- Students who are late must report to the podium to have their absence changed.
- 2 latenesses = 1 unexcused absence.
- 2 unexcused absences = student's final grade being lowered one full letter.
- Lateness on a Saturday morning rehearsal = 1 regular unexcused absence.
- Unexcused absence from a Saturday morning rehearsal = 2 regular unexcused absences and automatically results in the student's final grade being lowered one full letter.
- An ***unexcused*** absence from a public performance will result in a failing grade for the course, as well as the loss of the marching band scholarship.

- When in uniform, smoking and the use of foul language will not be tolerated. You represent the ***Pride of Delaware, the Blue Hen Marching Band,*** *and the University.*

- ***The use or possession of alcoholic beverages by any marching band member at any UDMB function (including bus travel to and from performance locations, and in any overnight accommodations) is strictly forbidden. Violation will result in the student's removal from active band performance, a failing grade for the course, loss of the marching band scholarship, and adherence to the University's Alcohol Sanctions.***

- **Injury that interferes with a student's full participation in a Friday rehearsal and/or a Saturday rehearsal (prior to performance weekends) makes the student ineligible to participate in that weekend's performance(s). The student will be required to attend the performance in full uniform but will not allowed to perform.

- **Injury that causes a student to miss 2 performances, even when accompanied by a doctor's note, will result in a loss of scholarship and an incomplete for the course. The injured student has the option to withdraw from the course or may choose to satisfy the incomplete by remaining in attendance at all rehearsals and performances, and also submitting a 12-page research paper at the conclusion of the semester.

Statement of Acceptance of Terms

I, _____, have read, understood, and accepted the rules and regulations of the University of Delaware
Print first and last name

Marching Band. I understand that if I do not comply with the polices and guidelines, I am subject to the consequences incurred by my actions as outlined above.

_____ _____
Signature ***Date***