

UWG MARCHING BAND
MUSC 2720/4720 – FALL 2016
TUE/THU 3:30 – 5:15PM; FRI 5:30-7:30PM

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Course Description

The University of West Georgia Marching Band “The Sound That Lights the South” is open to all interested brass, woodwind, percussion, and auxiliary students. The study and performance of musical and visual programs for marching band includes the presentation of field show and standstill performances for all home football games, select away games, exhibitions, and special on-campus events. Permission of the Director is required.

Required Materials

Members of the ensemble are responsible for having their respective music, instrument, pencil, proper attire and materials appropriate to the physical nature of the course, and any other necessary materials at each rehearsal and performance. Any borrowed materials must be returned at the conclusion of the performance season. The loss or damage of any university property will result in a fine to cover the repair and/or replacement of said item(s) and may result in a hold being placed on your grades.

Course Objectives

Members of the UWG Marching Band will:

1. be expected to perform music from a wide variety of styles and genres at a high level of musical attainment.
2. demonstrate highly proficient technical skills in both visual and musical aspects of the activity.
3. demonstrate a mature command of sight-reading and memorization skills.
4. contribute to the betterment of university athletics by acting as the spirit and pageantry of the university.
5. carry the name of the University of West Georgia with them wherever they perform and act as ambassadors of the university in all ways.

Attendance/Grading Policy

Attendance at all rehearsals and performances of the marching band is mandatory. Of course, I understand that emergencies do occur. To that end, each member will be allowed ONE (1) excused absence for the semester. Any subsequent absences may result in the lowering of the student’s final grade by a letter. If missing a rehearsal becomes unavoidable, you are responsible for contacting your section leader(s) in advance of said rehearsal. Your one absence may NOT be used to miss a performance. Four unexcused (4) tardies to rehearsals or performance call-times will result in one (1) absence.

Performances may be missed (with the permission of the director) for the following two reasons ONLY: 1. A professional gig. 2. An important family event. If permission is granted by the director, you must provide a substitute for your position and they must attend at least two of the week’s rehearsals preceding the performance you will miss. Any missed

performances for reasons other than those listed above or in which the services of a substitute are not secured will result in a failing grade in the course for the semester. Students are expected to be professional and punctual to all rehearsals and performances. Any class conflicts that could affect punctuality should be made known to your section leader(s) and be cleared by the Band Director. Continued tardiness, chronic unpreparedness, or general attitude issues may affect the student's enrollment in other UWG band ensembles and future enrollment in the marching band.

Friday Rehearsals

Friday rehearsals (5:30-7:30PM) typically occur only on weeks where there is a game or exhibition that weekend. Those dates are: 8/26, 9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, and 11/4. All Friday rehearsals after the first one (8/26) will be held at University Stadium.

Communication Methods

All members are required to check their my.westga.edu email accounts on a daily basis for announcements concerning the marching band and are responsible for any/all material contained in said emails. Information concerning the marching band can also be found on the bulletin boards outside of HUM 331, the band's website (uwgbands.com), the band's twitter account (@WestGeorgiaBand), and the band's Facebook group (University of West Georgia Bands). Any last minute alterations to the performance or rehearsal schedule of the marching band will be disseminated via these mediums.

Performances

9/3	UWG vs. Catawba	2PM, University Stadium
9/17	UWG vs. Delta St.	2PM, University Stadium
9/20	Carroll Co. Band Exhibition	8PM, Central Carroll HS
10/1	Super Bowl of Sound	8PM, Central Carroll HS
10/6-7	Fall Break (no rehearsal)	
10/8	UWG at Valdosta St. (1PM departure)	7PM, Bazemore-Hyder Stadium
10/9	Carrollton Arts Festival (standstill)	4PM, Cultural Arts Center
10/15	UWG vs. West Alabama	2PM, University Stadium
10/16	Fall Preview Day	12PM, Coliseum
10/20	A-Day Performance	TBA
	Homecoming Parade	7:30PM, UWG
10/21	Wolves Capture the Square	6PM, Adamson Square
10/22	UWG vs. Mississippi College	2PM, University Stadium
10/29	UWG at Shorter (10AM departure)	1:30PM, Barron Stadium
11/5	UWG vs. Florida Tech	2PM, University Stadium
11/19	Probable Playoff Game	TBD
11/21-25	Thanksgiving Break (no rehearsals)	
11/26	Probable Playoff Game	TBD
12/3	Probable Playoff Game	TBD
12/10	Probable Playoff Game (also Graduation)	TBD
12/16-18	Probable National Championship Trip	TBD – Kansas City, MO