

UWG MARCHING BAND – MUSC 2720/4720, FALL 2019
TUE 3:30 – 5:15PM; FRI 6-9PM

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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 may be required.

Required Materials

Members of the ensemble are responsible for having their respective music, drill, coordinates, 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). For details concerning rehearsal/performance attire, music rehearsal, marching rehearsal, and game day procedures, please refer to the appropriate protocol sheet.

Course Objectives

Members of the UWG Marching Band will:

1. treat each other with kindness and respect both in and out of rehearsals and performances.
2. be expected to perform music from a wide variety of styles and genres at a high level of musical attainment.
3. demonstrate highly proficient technical skills in both musical and visual aspects of the activity.
4. demonstrate a mature command of sight-reading and memorization skills.
5. contribute to the betterment of university athletics by acting as the spirit and pageantry of the university.
6. carry the name of UWG with them wherever they perform and act as ambassadors of the band program and the university in all ways.
7. Music majors enrolled in 4720 are expected to mentor 2720 level band members and to provide a positive example at all times, including preparation, rehearsal, and performance.

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 will result in the lowering of the student’s final grade by a letter. Any request to be excused from a rehearsal MUST be cleared by the Band Director in advance. Your one absence may NOT be used to miss a performance. Being counted late to FIVE (5) 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 (wedding or funeral). If permission is granted by the Director, you must provide a substitute for your position and they must attend all 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 cleared by the Band Director and made known to the Drum Majors. *Continued tardiness/absences, chronic unpreparedness, and/or general attitude or behavioral issues may affect the student’s enrollment in other UWG band ensembles and future enrollment in the marching band.*

Gameday Rehearsals/Away Trips

Home game rehearsals begin three and a half hours prior to kickoff. Students park in Lot H (Band/Cheerleader parking) and walk to the practice field behind the Athletic Operations Building. Schedules for bus trips to away football games and marching exhibitions will be published at least one week prior to the event.

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 via the band's website (westga.edu/music/uwgbands) 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 the fb group and/or email. All communication with the Band Director should be done via official UWG email accounts.

Performances

9/21	UWG vs. Albany St.	7PM, University Stadium
9/24	Carroll County Marching Exhibition	8PM, Central Carroll HS
9/27	No Friday rehearsal (Wind Ensemble Concert)	
10/5	UWG vs. Shorter	12PM, University Stadium
	Super Bowl of Sound	8PM, Central Carroll HS
10/12	Legacy of Champions	8PM, Carrollton HS
10/17	Homecoming Parade	7PM, W. Georgia Dr.
10/18	Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire	8PM, Love Valley
10/19	UWG vs. West Florida	2PM, University Stadium
	Yellow Jacket Classic	8PM, Rockmart HS
10/25	No Friday rehearsal	
11/2	UWG vs. Mississippi College	2PM, University Stadium
11/3	Fall Preview Day	12PM, Coliseum
	Band Banquet	TBA
11/15	No Friday rehearsal (Brass Ensemble Concert)	
11/16	UWG vs. Valdosta State	7PM, University Stadium
11/23	Probable Playoff Date	TBA
11/30	Probable Playoff Date	TBA
12/7	Probable Playoff Date	TBA
12/14	Probable Playoff Date	TBA
12/20-22	Possible National Championship Trip	McKinney, TX

UWG Common Syllabi Language

www.westga.edu/uwgsyllabusolicies

NASM Wellness Policies

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