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Drumline (Marching Band)
MUSI 0118.001

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Term:	Fall 2015
Class Times:	M / W / Tr 4:00-5:30 pm
Class room:	Stadium 117
Office Hours:	By Appointment

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Course Description:

This course serves to instruct students in marching percussion skills.

This lab will supply a basic foundation of technique to improve each student's musicianship through rehearsal and performance. Students will become familiar with effective marching pedagogical techniques, and apply those techniques to performances throughout the season.

Required materials:

1. Sticks, mallets, and small accessories as found in the UTA Percussion Required Materials List.
2. Music as supplied by the instructor.

Purchase materials from your favorite music store or mail order catalog. Suggested mail order companies:

Steve Weiss Music – www.steveweissmusic.com

Lone Star Percussion – www.lonestarpercussion.com

Course Objectives:

1. Establish a foundation of technique to approach the demands of the marching band music.
2. Learn the various brands in the percussion industry.
3. Contribute to the marching band's performances at the highest level.
4. Encourage each individual's artistic and technical development while working toward goals for the group.

Attendance:

At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required. Rather, each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, class participation will weigh heavily in the grading process. Therefore, attendance is required at all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances. An unexcused absence will result in a lowered grade by one letter. The instructor retains the right of determining whether an absence is excused or unexcused. Emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. An absence from a performance will result in a failing grade.

Additionally, tardiness not only hurts the individual student, but also harms learning environment for everyone else in the ensemble. Considering the amount of information in this course of study, you are expected to be in the rehearsal with all materials ready to go at the beginning of class. Should a student arrive after the warm-up regimen begins, it will be logged as a tardy. Two tardies will equal one absence.

Please communicate conflicts as soon as possible.

Grading:

Grading will be based on class attendance and participation, as well as the individual's outside preparation of music. An unexcused absence will result in a lowered grade by one letter.

Grading Breakdown:

Performance #1	100
Performance #2	100
Performance #3	100
Performance #4	100
Performance #5	100
Performance #6	100
Performance #7	100
Performance #8	100
Total Points =	800

Final Grade	Point Totals
A	720 – 800
B	640 – 719
C	560 – 639
D	480 – 559
F	Below 479

Office Hours

Office hours will change from semester to semester. Be sure to check the percussion board outside Prof. Eldridge's office with hours posted.

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2015 MMB SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 17 th – Aug. 21 st	Drumline Camp	Stadium	8am-5pm
Friday, Aug. 21 st	Leadership Retreat	Fine Arts Building	9am-5pm
Fri. Aug. 21 st - Aug. 20 th	Band Camp	UTA Campus	8am-8pm
Wednesday, Aug. 26 th	Mavs Meet Convocation	College Park Center	4:00pm
Thursday, Aug. 27 th	First Regular Rehearsal	Stadium	5:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 26 th	Birdville ISD Festival	Birdville, TX	4:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 26 th	Levitt Pavillion UTA Music Weekend	Arlington, TX	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 3 rd	Regional Festival	TBA	All Day
Tuesday, Oct. 6 th	Dean Corey Night	UTA Stadium	Evening
Saturday, Oct 10 th	Bands of America Regional	UTA Stadium	All Day
Saturday, Oct. 17 th – 18 th	Lone Star Invitational	The Woodlands, TX	All Weekend
Thursday, Oct. 22 nd	OPEN Rehearsal Alumni and Parent Night	UTA Stadium	6:00pm-7:30pm
Saturday, Oct. 24 th	Area Marching Contest	Carrolton, TX	5:00pm-11:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 21 st	Homecoming Parade	UTA Campus	4:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 5 th	Holiday of Lights Parade	City of Arlington	5:00pm-9:00pm
TBA	Band Banquet	University Center	TBA



UTA Academic Statements

Drop Policy: Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance. Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

Americans with Disabilities Act: The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Title IX: The University of Texas at Arlington is committed to upholding U.S. Federal Law "Title IX" such that no member of the UT Arlington community shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. For more information, visit www.uta.edu/titleIX.

Academic Integrity: Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington's tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.

I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code as they see fit in their courses, including (but not limited to) having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents' Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student's suspension or expulsion from the University.

Electronic Communication: UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

Student Feedback Survey: At the end of each term, students enrolled in classes categorized as "lecture," "seminar," or "laboratory" shall be directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student's feedback enters the SFS database anonymously and is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. UT Arlington's effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law; students are strongly urged to participate. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

Final Review Week: A period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may

introduce new concepts as appropriate.

Emergency Exit Procedures: Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the stadium, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit, which is located underneath the east and / or west concourse. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

Student Support Services: UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at www.uta.edu/resources.