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ARLINGTON

**Drumline (Marching Band)**  
MUSI 0118.001

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<b>Term:</b>	Fall 2016
<b>Class Times:</b>	M / W / Tr 4:00-5:30 pm
<b>Class room:</b>	Stadium 117
<b>Office Hours:</b>	By Appointment

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Faculty profile - <https://www.uta.edu/profiles/andrew-eldridge>

**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](http://www.steveweissmusic.com)

Lone Star Percussion – [www.lonestarpercussion.com](http://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
<b>Total Points =</b>	<b>800</b>

<b>Final Grade</b>	<b>Point Totals</b>
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.

# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - ARLINGTON MAVERICK MARCHING BAND

## 2016 MMB SCHEDULE

Dates are tentative and subject to change.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Aug. 15 <sup>th</sup> - Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Drumline Camp	Stadium	8am-8pm
Thursday, Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Leadership Retreat	Fine Arts Building	9am-5pm
Fri. Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup> - Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Band Camp	UTA Campus	8am-8pm
Tuesday, Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mavs Meet Convocation	College Park Center	4:00pm
Thursday, Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Regular Rehearsal	Stadium	5:30pm-7:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mansfield ISD Festival	Mansfield, TX	All Day
Saturday, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Midlothian ISD Festival	Midlothian, TX	All Day
Monday, Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dean Corey Night	UTA Stadium	Evening
Saturday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bands of America Regional	Plano, TX	All Day
Saturday, Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Broken Arrow Festival	Broken Arrow, OK	All Weekend
Thursday, Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	OPEN Rehearsal Alumni and Parent Night Band Photo Session	UTA Stadium	6:00pm-7:30pm
Saturday, Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Area Marching Contest	Carrolton, TX	5:00pm-11:00pm
Saturday, Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Homecoming Parade	UTA Campus	4:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	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/>).

**Disability Accommodations:** UT 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)*, *The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADA AA)*, and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*. 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 disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit [uta.edu/eos](http://uta.edu/eos).*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or [jmhood@uta.edu](mailto:jmhood@uta.edu).*

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled in 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 in their courses by 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. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

**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>.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>.

**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](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.