

HANDBOOK AND SYLLABUS

ENS 397 – Pep Band
Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm
Room 111
1 Credit Hour

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MISSION STATEMENT

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Bands of Sparta aims to create a musically enriching and enjoyable experience for every member; support our athletic teams with pride, perpetual spirit, and integrity; and provide quality entertainment to a wide variety of audiences. Members of the band are invested in creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming environment where the contributions of all are valued and appreciated. We constantly strive for the highest degree of performance while representing UNCG with class, dignity and enthusiasm.

COURSE DESCRIPTION - ENS 397 PEP BAND

The UNCG Athletic Band's primary responsibilities include performing at various campus, community and athletic events and providing a sense of teamwork and school spirit while supporting our student athletes and the greater campus community.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Prepare and perform music at sporting events and other performances as needed.
2. Demonstrate improvement in individual and ensemble musicianship.
3. Serve UNCG and the community as a high-energy performance organization.
4. Build a strong sense of leadership, teamwork, and camaraderie among the members of the band, UNCG spirit teams, student athletes and community.
5. Demonstrate the ability to maintain strong professional communication.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the UNCG Athletic Band is open to college-degree-seeking students who are enrolled in courses at the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

All members must register for ENS 397-01 Pep Band for 1 credit hour. Instruments and/or music will not be issued to a student who is not registered for the course.

SCHOLARSHIP

NEW FOR 2022!!! All students signed up for pep band as a course will earn a \$200 scholarship for their participation in the ensemble. Students must attend rehearsals and performances to remain eligible for this scholarship.

COMMUNICATION

Frequent communication between band staff and band members is crucial to the effectiveness of our operation. Communication will be sent on a regular basis through Canvas, your UNCG email address as well as the Remind app.

Please join our Remind class by texting “@uncgpe” to 81010 as soon as possible.

Attendance, music, calendars and other operational information will be maintained on Canvas.

Below is a standard outline for communication:

- Schedules, attendance and grading will be done through Canvas.
- Announcements and scheduling updates will be posted on Canvas and sent through both email/Remind.
- Call-time reminders and last minute updates will be done through both email/Remind.

****ALL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CHECK THESE FORMS OF COMMUNICATION ON A REGULAR BASIS!****

REHEARSALS

Any student who wishes to participate in the UNCG Athletic Band must register for the class and attend the first rehearsal. Students who do not attend this meeting without a compelling reason will not be allowed to join the Athletic Band. Regular rehearsals are required. Please arrive with all music, instruments, and other necessary equipment prior to the beginning of rehearsal.

GRADING AND REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS

Grades will be based on attendance at all rehearsals and performances. The UNCG pep band is a team and, therefore, we need all students in attendance at every rehearsal and every performance. Any absence or tardy must be cleared in advance with the director.

Rehearsals:

- Two unexcused absences from rehearsals will result in a one letter grade reduction.

Games/Performances:

- One unexcused absence from a game/performance will result in a one letter grade reduction.

Tardies:

- Three unexcused tardies (rehearsal or game) will count as one unexcused absence.

Excused Absences:

- Scheduled absences such as religious observances, auditions, professional engagements, or competitions will generally be considered excused absences. However, it is the student's responsibility to advise the conductor of these absences in writing at least 10 days in advance. Failure to provide timely notification will result in the absence being considered unexcused.
- Students may be granted an excused absence for a family emergency or sudden illness. Students should contact the conductor as soon as possible, preferably prior to rehearsal.
- If granted an excused absence, the student may be expected to provide a substitute player who is approved by the conductor (see substitute section below).

SUBSTITUTES

Members that know they cannot be present at a required performance are asked to obtain a substitute to cover their spot. The sub must play the same instrument/part as the student who is missing. The absent member and their sub should notify the director prior to the event's scheduled call time. Exceptions to this policy include emergency situations or sudden illness.

ELASTICITY STATEMENT

It is my intention that this syllabus and course calendar will be followed as outlined, however, as the need arises there may be adjustments to the syllabus and calendar. In such cases, students will be notified in class (if possible) and via e-mail/Canvas/remind with an updated syllabus and calendar within a reasonable timeframe to allow students to adjust as needed.

SCHEDULE

A detailed schedule including all rehearsals, games, and other scheduled performances will be provided to all members of the band. The schedule can be found on the Canvas course page as well.

2022 UNCG Pep Band Women's Volleyball Schedule:

- Tuesday, September 6th - 7:00pm vs. Queens
- Friday, September 23rd - 7:00pm vs. Mercer
- Saturday, September 24th - 5:00pm vs. Samford
- Friday, October 7th - 7:00pm vs. ETSU
- Saturday, October 8th - 5:00pm vs. Chattanooga
- Wednesday, October 12th - 7:00pm vs. Western Carolina
- Saturday, October 15th - 7:00pm vs. Furman
- Friday, October 28th - 7:00pm vs. The Citadel
- Saturday, October 29th - 5:00pm vs. Wofford
- Friday, November 11th - 7:00pm vs. Furman

CALL TIMES

Members are required to report to the venue 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time of all events unless otherwise specified. Students should arrive early enough to check-in BEFORE the 1 hr call time. Students must be dressed in full uniform in order to be counted as present and on-time.

REQUIRED MATERIALS AND UNIVERSITY EQUIPMENT

There is no required text for this course. Music to be performed will be provided by the School of Music. Failure to return university-owned property related to this course, including instruments, music, lyres, flip-folders, etc. will result in a grade of “incomplete” until such property is returned. Students may be charged for lost or missing materials. Students need to reach out to Jon Goodman to rent school-owned instruments and fill out the appropriate paperwork - j_goodma@uncg.edu.

UNIFORM

The performance uniform will consist of a UNCG Athletic Band t-shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes/sneakers. Jeans with holes, rips, etc. will not be permitted. Members who show up to games out of uniform will not perform. This will count as an unexcused absence from a game/performance and will result in a one letter grade reduction.

MUSIC

We will be using the FlipFolder App for music this year. All students will receive a lyre and/or FlipFolder music clip to use for athletic events. If you do not have a device we can provide you with a flip folder and copies of music (please let us know asap if you will need this option). Hard-copies of music will be offered for rehearsals and pdfs will be made available on Canvas.

PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE AND CONDUCT

The UNCG Athletic Band is frequently shown on television broadcasts as well as the video boards inside the athletic venues. Therefore, the band must be an upstanding representation of the university at all times. Members are not permitted to use cell phones or electronic devices whenever the event is in progress (using the FlipFolder app is an exception to this rule). Food is not permitted in the band set-up; however, students may purchase food during halftime or pauses in the event and eat outside of the band’s seating area.

During events, members are required to be observant of the game, cheer for the team and join in with the cheerleaders and dance team when they cheer. Smoking, illegal substances, alcohol usage, and offensive language of any kind to any person will not be tolerated and may result in the removal of a member from the ensemble and failing the course. Friends, family, and other non-band members are not allowed in the band’s seating area.

NCAA AND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REGULATIONS

Good sportsmanship is required at all events. Failure to comply will result in removal from the band and failure of the course. There will be no tolerance for negative statements or actions. This includes taunting, baiting, berating opponents, or actions that ridicule or cause embarrassment. Students are required to comply with the college’s code of conduct and student handbook, including alcohol policies. Any student found intoxicated at an event will result in removal from the band and will fail the course.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Your health impacts your learning. Throughout your time in college, you may experience a range of health issues that can cause barriers to your learning. These might include physical ailments, illnesses, strained relationships, anxiety, high levels of stress, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, or loss of motivation. Student Health Services and The Counseling Center can help with these or other issues you may be experiencing. You can learn about the free, confidential mental health services available on campus by calling (336) 334-5874, visiting the website at <https://shs.uncg.edu/> or visiting the Anna M. Gove Student Health Center at 107 Gray Drive. Help is always available.

CONTRA POWER STATEMENT

As your instructor, I am committed to creating a productive and non-discriminatory learning environment of mutual respect. Title IX and UNCG's school policy prohibit gender-based harassment, sexual harassment, and sex discrimination for all members of the University community. Harassment can come in many forms – both direct and indirect – and can occur in subtle or overt ways. Traditionally, harassment is seen from formal power-over structure. However, harassment can occur without a formal power structure. Contrapower, when a student harasses an instructor or peer, is a type of behavior that can create an intimidating environment in and outside of the classroom. Either form of harassment can include direct or indirect comments, physical intimidation, emails, anonymous notes and course evaluations. Both Contrapower and traditional forms of harassment are prohibited and subject to the same kinds of accountability applied to offenses against protected categories, such as race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

If you experience or witness such instances of harassment, please seek out the following resources:

- UNCG Counseling Center (non-reporting agency/confidential): 336.334.5874
- Murphie Chappell, Title IX Coordinator (reporting agent) 336.256.0362 or mechappe@uncg.edu
- University Police (reporting agent) 336.334.4444

For more information on UNCG's policies regarding harassment, visit

http://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/sex_gender_harrassment/sex-gender-harrassment.pdf

COVID-19 POLICY

As we return for Fall 2022, all students, faculty, and staff and all visitors to campus are required to uphold UNCG's culture of care by actively engaging in behaviors that limit the spread of COVID-19. While face-coverings are optional in most areas on campus, individuals are encouraged to wear masks. All individuals and visitors to campus are asked to follow the following actions:

- Engaging in proper hand-washing hygiene.
- Self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Staying home when ill.
- Complying with directions from health care providers or public health officials to quarantine or isolate if ill or exposed to someone who is ill.
- Completing a [self-report](#) when experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, testing positive for COVID-19, or being identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive.
- Staying informed about the University's policies and announcements via the [COVID-19](#) website.

Students who are ill, quarantining, or isolating should not attend in-person class meetings, but should

instead contact their instructor(s) so alternative arrangements for learning and the submission of assignments can be made where possible.

As we continue to manage COVID-19 on our campus, we are following the lead of the local health department and we will adjust our plans to balance student success, instructional requirements, and the hallmarks of the collegiate experience with the safety and wellbeing of our campus community.

ADVERSE WEATHER

In cases of inclement weather that impact this course and course schedule, details can be found:

In your University email: UNCG sends out Adverse Weather updates

- In the UNCG Mobile App: You can even set it to provide you alerts
- Via television announcements: UNCG makes weather announcements available on five local stations (WFMY-2, WGHP-V, WXII-TV, WXLV-TV, and Spectrum News)
- Visit Spartanalert.uncg.edu or the UNCG homepage: UNCG posts up-to-date information on the main University web site (uncg.edu) and on the main Spartan Alert page (spartanalert.uncg.edu).

ANTI-HAZING POLICY

Hazing is defined as:

“Any action taken or situation created, intentionally or unintentionally, whether on or off University premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule is considered hazing, regardless of the willingness of the participant.”

Such activities may include but are not limited to the following:

use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks, road trips or any other such activities conducted on or off campus; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts and buffoonery; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with academic achievement, the five University values (honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility), or the regulations and policies of the University or applicable state law. Definition adopted from the FIPG Risk Management Manual (2003).

Prohibited actions, situations, and activities include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Any brutality of a physical nature, such as paddling, beating, branding, or calisthenics;
2. Excessive exposure to the elements;
3. Consumption of any food, alcohol, drug, or other substance that puts health at risk;
4. Theft of any property;
5. Any activity or situation which would subject an individual to extreme mental or physical stress, such as permitting less than six (6) hours of continuous, uninterrupted sleep per night, or forced or required extended exclusion from social contact;
6. Conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, such as nudity at any time;
7. Running personal errands for others, such as driving them to class, cleaning their individual rooms, washing their cars, etc.;
8. "Road trips" (dropping someone off to find his or her own way back), scavenger hunts for items not related to the purpose or mission of the organization, or kidnaps;

9. "Line-ups," including but not limited to any activity where individuals are forced to answer questions or to endure any personal indignity;
10. Forcing, requiring, or encouraging the violation of any University policy, or Federal, State, or local law.

SUBSTANCE POLICY

The UNCG Athletic Band is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe community that reflects high standards of personal responsibility and behavior. Use of alcohol or illegal substances at any UNCG sponsored event on or off campus where the band is performing is prohibited. If at any time a member, or members, are found violating any policies regarding drug or alcohol consumption or distribution the individual(s) will be penalized.

Consumption of illegal drugs or alcohol is prohibited in relation to any event or functions. Possession of illegal drugs or alcohol is prohibited in relation to any and all events or functions. Advertising or publicity that highlights the availability of drugs or alcohol at any event or function is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to images made available online through social networking websites.

There are times when members may attend social functions where alcohol may be consumed by members that are of a legal drinking age. In these instances, members are required to refrain from displaying any articles of clothing, signs, or other memorabilia that relate to the UNCG Athletic Band, the UNCG School of Music, UNCG Athletics, or UNCG in photographs or public places that serve alcohol.