

UL BANDS

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Band Camp Schedule

A complete schedule of events, a checklist for needed items, and general information.

Dorm Check In

Information on when to check in to your dorm at the start of camp.

Calendars

A full listing of required appearances.

Other Information

Ensemble Auditions, Class Information, and DCI Show

DEAR PRIDE!

I hope you're enjoying some well-earned rest. While I hesitate to pull your attention away from tan development and recreating (and for most of you probably a full time job), it's time to turn our attention to the upcoming season. We have another exciting year planned, so please read the newsletter all the way through and your questions should be answered. Several points to review carefully: pay careful attention to the dorm check in and band camp schedules. There are staggered report times for different sections. Be sure to show up when you're assigned. All sections look to be in good shape, but if you're interested in switching (especially to low brass), please contact us and we can see if it's feasible.

There are **six home games** and we hit the ground running when we host three straight at Cajun Field. The first game is against a great football program in Boise State and the next two games will feature visiting bands from McNeese State followed by South Alabama. With the tight turnaround in those first three games plus visiting bands, we'll need to be sharp from the moment we start rehearsals.

The following home game on October 12 looks to make for an exciting week, as we welcome musical pioneer and Acadiana legend, Wayne Toups to perform with us. We'll be performing some of Wayne's hits with him during our halftime performance. This is also during Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, so there will be a lot of people in town interested to hear him play with us.

We're also looking forward to reviving the UL Alumni Band this year. We've already received interest from well over a hundred former Pride band members and alumni from the UL, USL, and SLI eras. If you have family or friends who marched during their time here, please get the word out and tell them to send their contact information to ulalumniband@gmail.com to receive updates. This event will happen during the last game of the season on November 26. The more the merrier!

Lastly, we're very excited to welcome back Mr. James Cork to our instructional staff. Mr. Cork is a UL alumnus and previously served as the Pride's color guard instructor a number years ago. He brings a lot of terrific experience from around the country and knows our program well; please be sure to welcome him when you see him.

Freshman: when attending orientation, please be sure to tell your advisor that you're in the Pride and register for AMUS 152.

Drums Across Cajun Field, the annual DCI performance held on our campus will be July 25 at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to see some of the finest corps in the country and we have the added bonus of seeing the *Louisiana Stars* perform their home show in their third year. There are a number of present and future "Pride" members performing with the Stars and other corps, so please plan on attending to show your support if you're available; all proceeds benefit the UL Band Department. We also need volunteers to work the show (free admission and a t-shirt!). If you're interested in helping out, please email Johnette Living at jjfright40@gmail.com ASAP.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Preseason Camp registration will once again be entirely online. Please take a quick moment and fill out the preseason registration form [here](#). Once you do that, we can begin to process your scholarship so everything is in order for your tuition and fee bills. We have earlier deadlines than previous years from the business office and we can only credit your account after you register. So register [here](#)...NOW!

Yours,

Dr. Eric Melley, Director



Your Leadership Team

Drum Major: Tyler Whittington
Band President: Johnette Living

Section Leaders:

Flute - Tori LeBlanc & Lauren Faulk
Clarinet - Johnette Living & Kentrell Wade
Saxophone - John Fuller & Stephen Glatter
Trumpet - Jesse Albert & Julie Porche
Mellophone - José Luna & Sarah Frazier
Trombone - Jeremy Ghawaly & Markie Roye
Baritone - Ben Nelson
Tuba - John Living, Clagis Herring & Trevor Guidry
Drumline - Michael Benoit
Front Ensemble - Ashton Duplechain
Color Guard - Lillian Lestelle & Jessica Wynn

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PRESEASON CAMP and AUDITIONS

The schedule for camp is generally the same as last year's. Rehearsals go through Friday, ending with the pool-pizza party Friday night. Check out the full schedule and read it carefully making note of which meals you are responsible for providing yourself. Please remember: all Music Majors who are getting any type of band award are required to audition for the concert ensembles. In addition, everyone awarded scholarships beyond the minimum level are expected to audition so they can be placed in symphonic groups by the directors (min. = PoA housing or the \$600 stipend; returning marcher bonuses do not apply). Please note that all ensembles are open to students in any major. Contact a director for further information or to discuss special circumstances. You will be excused from marching rehearsal if it conflicts with your audition time. See page 6 and ulbands.com for more information.

The first day is the trickiest. Percussion, and guard will have dorm check-in from 9:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, August 13. They will start rehearsal at 1:00 that afternoon. Winds (woodwind and brass) will have dorm check-in from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Registration for camp will be at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 14.

Band council will meet at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 12 for a work day to prepare for camp.

Your Preseason Camp Registration form responses help us prepare for your dorm check in, order correct sizes for apparel, and confirms that you will be marching. Take the time to do it now (find it [here](#))!

Read over the complete schedule included on page 4.

[Click here to fill out the Online Registration Form](#)

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Course Conflicts

Occasionally some students have a class conflict with a required class that meets at the same time as band. We may approve missing some band rehearsal (per week) if the class meets these requirements:

- * Is required of your major
- * The class is only offered in one section
- * Progress toward your degree will be delayed unless resolved
- * Not applicable to multiple section courses (English/Math)

If you are unsure whether your class qualifies, please contact us. Also, we can help you arrange your schedule to accommodate all classes and even help you with closed sections.

If you do have an approved conflict, register for the class that conflicts with band first. At band camp, we will take care of enrolling you in the band.



Class Registration & Rehearsal Info

Marching Band

AMUS 152 OR 352

MWF 12:15-2:15

Winds/ Perc: Mon 7:00-9:00

Guard: Tues 6:00-9:00

Which number is for me?

If this year is your first or second year marching, enroll in 152. Students who have been in band 2 years or more, take the upper division number (352).

Freshman: Be sure to register for marching band (AMUS 152) during orientation.

Sectionals: Percussion sectionals will be held every Monday night from 7-9 unless otherwise notified;

Colorguard sectionals will be held every Tuesday night from 6-9 unless otherwise notified;

WW and Brass sectionals will be on alternating Monday evenings from 7-9, unless otherwise notified following this schedule:

8/22 - Brass & Percussion; 8/23 - Colorguard
 8/29 - WW & Percussion; 8/30 - Colorguard
 9/5 - No sectional, Labor Day; 9/6 - Colorguard
 9/12 - Brass & Percussion; 9/13 - Colorguard
 9/19 - No sectional; 9/20 - No sectional
 9/26 - WW & Percussion; 9/27 - Colorguard
 10/3 - Brass & Percussion; 10/4 - Colorguard
 10/10 - Full Band at Cajun Field; 10/11 - no sectional
 10/17 & 10/18 - no sectionals
 10/24 - WW & Percussion; 10/25 - Colorguard
 10/31 - Brass & Percussion; 11/1 - Colorguard
 11/7 - WW & Percussion; 11/8 - Colorguard
 11/14 - Brass & Percussion; 11/15 - Colorguard
 11/21 - No sectional; 11/22 - No sectional

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Checklist for Uniforms

- You will be issued a PoA band uniform, member t-shirt, and pep band t-shirt.
- All members need to have khaki shorts and belt to wear with the pep band t-shirt, along with athletic shoes.
- Winds and Percussion will need to purchase BLACK marching band shoes (dinkles or drillmasters), solid BLACK socks (that cover the ankle), and winds - BLACK gloves. Lafayette Music has a special combo price for shoes and gloves. **No-show or ankle socks are not acceptable.**
- Guard will need to purchase black jazz pants and black dance shoes. Captains will be contacting you on the specifics.

Band Camp (REGISTER!)

- Refillable water jug—THIS IS A MUST! We'll be working hard days in the Louisiana sun and you've got to stay hydrated
- Sunscreen/block with high SPF
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Rain gear. Watch the weather forecast and plan accordingly for rain—we'll rehearse rain or shine!
- Athletic shoes for all marching rehearsals. You will not be allowed to march if you're not wearing proper footwear (absolutely no flip flops or sandals!). A second pair of socks in case of rain is also recommended.
- Wind and percussion players will need a flip folder with a lot of pages. Please note this change for returning percussionists.
- Pencil
- Bring your instrument and accessories (reeds, mouthpiece, neck strap, sticks, mallets-NO RED MOUTHPIECES, PLEASE). Play your instrument to make sure it is in working condition before camp. School instrument check out will be at camp registration. For school instruments, you will need to provide your own mouthpieces and accessories.
- Be prepared to secure some meals. Dinner and lunch will be provided for the band Sunday through Friday (8/16-8/21), but breakfast is on your own.
- All parking rules will be enforced during weekdays from 7:00-4:00. On campus students will have parking assigned for their dorm. Off campus students will be given parking information at camp.
- Watch for notices on the website (ulbands.com) for sheet music in advance of our rehearsal on Sunday, August 14.

Pep Band Events

The Pride appears at many events outside of pre-game and halftime. In order to respect your time, the wind and percussion sections are divided into 3 pep bands. This way, the band has representation but students need only attend 1/3 of the pep band performances. Assignments will be made during band camp. There are no excused absences from Pep Band events. If you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to find a substitute who plays your instrument. Refer to a preliminary list of Pep Band appearances on page 5. This list will be added to during the season

**Game Days**

For football game days, you will need to reserve the full day. Activities include rehearsal in the stadium followed by time to shower, eat, and change before the game. For each home game (except Homecoming) one pep band will perform at Cajun Walk. Kickoff times are tentative and the game day schedule will be set when final kick-off times are announced.

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Preseason Camp Schedule 2016 - ***Subject to Change***

<u>Friday, August 12</u>	Council work day
<u>Saturday, August 13</u>	
9:00-11:00 AM	Percussion and Guard Dorm Check-in Lunch on Your Own
1:00-5:00 PM	First Rehearsal for Guard, Drumline, and Front Ensemble Band Council Meetings and workday
2:00-4:00 PM	Dorm Check-in for WW/Brass (dinner on your own)
5:00-6:00 PM	Pizza Dinner for Council, Percussion, Guard
<u>Sunday, August 14</u>	
9:00AM	Camp Registration for all WW/Brass
10:30AM-12:30PM	Welcome and First Rehearsal, lunch provided
2:00-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00-6:00PM	Dinner Provided
6:00-9:00 PM	Rehearsal
9:00 PM	Activities with Council
<u>Monday, August 15 - Thursday, August 18</u>	
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Rehearsal, lunch provided
2:00-5:00 PM	Rehearsal
5:00-6:30 PM	Dinner provided
6:30-9:00 PM	Rehearsal
9:00 PM	Activities with Council
<u>Friday, August 19</u>	
9:00-12:00 PM	Rehearsal (Uniform check out), lunch provided
2:00-5:00 PM	Rehearsal (Uniform check out)
5:00-6:30 PM	Break
6:30-9:00 PM	Pool Pizza Party at Bourgeois Hall
<u>Saturday, August 20</u>	
NO ACTIVITIES (meals on your own)	
<u>Monday, August 22</u>	CLASSES BEGIN!
12:15-2:15 PM	First Class Meeting (Rehearsal)
7:00-9:00 PM	First Brass and Percussion Sectional
<u>Tuesday, August 24</u>	
6:00-9:00 PM	First Guard Sectional
<u>Sunday, August 28</u>	
1-3:30 PM	Uniform Inspection (lunch provided)
4:45 PM	UL Fan Day performance



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Fall Performance Schedule 2016 (subject to change)

****All events on this page are required of all members unless otherwise indicated****

August

Sat 13-Sun 21 Preseason Camp and Ensemble Auditions
 Mon 22 First Day of Classes
 12:15 PM First Marching Band Class
 7:00 PM First Brass/Percussion Sectional
 Tues 23 First Guard Sectional (6pm)
Sun 28 UL Fan Day
 Mon 29 First WW Sectional (7pm)



September

Sat 3 Home Game #1, Boise St vs. UL
Sat 10 Home Game #2, McNeese St. vs. UL
Sat 17 Home Game #3, So. Alabama vs. UL
Sat 24 Away Trip - UL vs. Tulane (select pep band)



October

Mon 10 Full Band Rehearsal, 7-9 pm; Cajun Field
Wed 12 Home Game #4, App St. vs. UL
(with special guest WAYNE TOUPS!!)
Tues 18 District Marching Band (Cajun Field) Exhibition
Sat 29 Louisiana Showcase of Marching Bands

November

Sat 5 Home Game # 5, Idaho vs. UL (Homecoming)
UL Homecoming Parade in the a.m.
Wed 9 PoA Recording Session
Sat 12 RAIN DATE - Showcase
Sat 26 Home Game #6, Arkansas St. vs. UL (Alumni Band)



December

Fri 2 PoA Recording Session



Pep Band Events*

9/1 TBA Ragin' Roar (Pep 1)	10/12 Cajun Walk (Pep 2)
9/3 Cajun Walk (Pep 2)	11/3 Yell Like Hell (Pep 3)
9/10 Cajun Walk (Pep 3)	11/5 Cajun Walk (Pep 1)
9/17 Cajun Walk (Pep 1)	11/26 Cajun Walk (Pep 2)
9/24 @Tulane (assigned)	

* Subject to change



Ensemble Auditions

Additional Ensemble Information: We would like to encourage everyone to audition for the department's premier ensembles: the wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, and orchestra. Those groups will be holding auditions before the semester and during the first week of class. Specific information about the Wind and Jazz Ensemble auditions are posted on ulbands.com. Wind Ensemble (AMUS 155/355) and Jazz Ensemble (AMUS 170/370) auditions are scheduled through Dr. Hochkeppel and they take place during band camp and the first two or three days of classes. Audition sign-up sheets will be posted for each day starting with 8/13. Pre-camp auditions can be scheduled by appointment and begin on 8/8. **Check back on the website after July 1 for further information regarding Wind and Jazz Ensemble seasons and auditions.** The Orchestra holds auditions the first week of class. Mr. Blaney should be contacted for further information. All contact information is listed on the right of this page. Music majors please be aware that you are limited to the number of ensembles in which you can participate by your GPA and hours enrolled.

Final Thoughts

UL Tuition Bills: Your fall tuition bill will be available on ULink towards the middle of July. We will credit your scholarship to your account after you fill out the online registration. Remember, for housing or meal plan awards, the Scholarship Office will send you an additional letter to return to them. Housing waivers usually are posted closer to the first day of class. When your scholarship is posted, your university bill will reflect more accurately what you owe or the refund you will receive. We wish to help you as much as possible. Please do your part and register now.

What do I need to do now?? Every student needs to go online and [register for camp](#) NOW. Register for course AMUS 152 or AMUS 352.

Also, check the website frequently. As music and exercises are available, the files will be posted. Practice and be ready for camp! If you have any questions, please contact me, I'll be happy to help.

[Click here to fill out the Summer Response Form](#)
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Also be sure to register for the class AMUS
152/352

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