UL Bands

Summer Newsletter

DEAR PRIDE,

We hope you've been enjoying your summer! We can't wait to begin another fantastic year with you, the Pride of Acadiana! This is the biggest Pride of Acadiana in UL history once again, and we are eager to build on last year's fantastic season. This year, we are bringing the entire band to New Orleans for our first game, where we will perform in the Superdome! We'll have to work quickly and efficiently at camp as we will have three straight weekends with games at the beginning of the year. Once that's over with, we only have one game in October before finishing strong in November! We will of course be performing for SLBDA District Festival and the Louisiana Showcase of Marching Bands once again as well!

With your input, Dr. Landry and I have put a great roster of shows together for this season. Our music will include Led Zeppelin, Elton John, Aerosmith, Panic! at the Disco, Lizzo, billie eilish, Game of Thrones, Stranger Things, Avengers, Star Wars, the Beatles, and several others. In a few weeks, we will be posting the music and part assignments to our traditionals (Fight Song, Respect, Alma Mater, etc) as well as Shows 1 and 2 to a shared Google Drive account. Drill will be posted to the same account this year. Please begin practicing this music and committing it to memory. Our first round of music pass-offs will happen during band camp (traditionals), and our band depends on individual preparation.

For new members: college marching band is different in many ways than high school marching band. We will still have very high standards of music performance and marching, but our purpose is primarily to be a source of spirit for our athletic teams and to entertain our fans and students. We are not a competitive organization like DCI or BOA. We perform multiple shows with high musical demand, but each show will have fewer sets than you likely marched with your high school band. While it will still take quality preparation, good communication, and a strong work ethic to succeed, our experience is designed to be a place where you can leave the stresses of your other classes behind and simply play music for the joy and beauty of playing music with people you care about. Like anything else meaningful, you will get out of this experience what you put into it, and we expect all of our members to contribute. Our members have a very wide variety of majors, and we are the biggest student organization on campus by far. We also get to explore and perform all kinds of music. Hopefully you'll discover music you might never have if not for being in the PoA! Despite our large numbers, we are united by a love of music and our support of each other. This band is a family, and you are all important to us.

One of our themes for this year will be "lagniappe;" doing a little something extra, like focusing in on the details and going the extra mile even when things get tough. Our student leadership team should be terrific this year! They are here to help establish the continued evolution of our shared band culture. We expect a special year! Be proactive. Know your stuff. Consider and help others. NEVER make excuses. We're so glad you'll be part of the Pride of Acadiana, and we will do everything we can to make it an experience that will bring you joy and fulfillment.

Please read this newsletter thoroughly, taking careful note of move-in and band camp times and schedules. If you have a question, make sure it isn't already covered here. There are staggered report times for different sections. Be sure you show up when you are assigned. Make note of the dates on the season schedule. We expect everyone in the group to be aware of our calendar. If you know someone who may still be interested in joining or returning to the Pride, have them contact us ASAP. We'd love to have them in our group. The most important thing for everyone to do right now is make sure that you've REGISTERED for band camp. If you have not yet done so, please do this today!! The process of crediting your scholarship to your university account can only begin once that is done. Take care of sending in your info NOW and that will ensure there are fewer questions, difficulties, and delays.

We are around the office most days and are always available by email, so let us know if you have any questions. We can't wait to share this season with you! - Dr. Missal

UL Bands Faculty and Staff

Dr. Wm. J. Hochkeppel, Director of Bands
Dr. Jason Missal, Associate Director of Bands
Dr. Brett Landry, Assistant Director of Bands/Percussion
Mr. Hawley Joe Gary, Drumline Arranger
Mr. James Cork, Colorguard Instructor
Ms. Natalie Mills, Student Instructional Staff (Colorguard)
Mrs. Ashley Bastida, Administrative Coordinator

Student Leadership:

Drum Major – Anthony Bruce, LeeAnn Law, & Joey Riedl
Piccolo – Whitney Applewhite, Allison Boudreaux, & Cheyenne Eastin
Clarinet – Noah Ferrell & Charne Hill
Saxophone – Ben Bourg & Dayton Parfait
Trumpet – Riley Andrews, Nick Cheramie, Adam Harper, & Seth Jones
Mellophone - Michael McElroy, Evan Richoux, and Trevor Simon
Trombone – Alex Boone & Bryan LeCompte
Baritone – Regina Richburg & Hunter Wallace
Tuba – Alexis Alario, Tyrell Lentini, & Bryce Teekell
Drumline – Avery Guidry & Dominique Lousteau
Colorguard – Brittny Wilson & Madison Wilson

PRIDE

PRESEASON CAMP and AUDITIONS

The schedule for camp is generally the same as last year's. Rehearsals for the full band begin on Sunday and 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 concert 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. Also important to note: **special ensemble audition appointments** are now available **Aug. 5-8** - please contact Dr. Hochkeppel via email to schedule your audition today! See page 6 and ulbands.com for more information.

The first day is the trickiest. Percussion and Colorguard will have dorm check-in from 9:00-11:00 AM on Saturday, August 17. They will start rehearsal at 1:00 that afternoon. Winds (woodwinds and brass) will have dorm check-in from 2:00-4:00 PM.

******Camp Registration for WW/Brass will be at 9:00 AM on Sunday, August 18.* Student Leadership will meet from approx. 9 am to 5 pm Thursday, August 15 through Saturday, August 17 (watch for email with details)*****

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. If you have any questions about your completed registration, please contact Mrs. Bastida at bastida@louisiana.edu.

*****IMPORTANT*****
Please be sure to read over the complete preseason camp schedule (pg. 4) and fall performance schedule (pg. 5)

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 12:15pm-2:15pm
Winds/Perc: Mon 7:00pm-9:00pm
Colorguard: Tues 6:00pm-9:00pm

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 should enroll in 352.

Freshmen: 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.

Checklist for Uniforms

☑You will be issued a PoA band uniform, member t-shirt, pep band polo, and PoA ball cap.

☑All members need to have khaki shorts and belt to wear with the pep band polo, 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 be assigned black top and all-weather jacket. You will need to purchase black jazz pants and black dance shoes.

Band Camp Checklist

☑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 - we rehearse rain or shine!

☑Appropriate 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). Make sure your horn is in working condition before camp. If you need a school instrument, it will be checked out and ready for pickup - we provide the instrument, you provide your own mouthpieces and accessories.

☑Be prepared to secure some meals. Lunch and dinner will be provided for the band Sunday through Friday (8/18-8/23), 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 camp beginning Sunday, August 18.

Gameday Pep Bands/Service Events

The Pride of Acadiana appears at many events outside of pre-game and halftime. 6 Gameday pep bands will be assigned to perform for the Cajun Walk at each home game. In addition, all members (except for colorguard and feature twirlers) will be required to participate in at least 1 Service Event (away pep band trips, Ragin' Roar, Yell Like Hell, other outside pep band events) to receive an A in the class. This will be discussed in detail at camp.

Gamedays

For football gamedays (except Homecoming), rehearsal in the stadium will always begin 5.5 hours before kickoff. We generally won't know kickoff times until 1 week before each game. For each home game, 1 of the 6 pep bands will perform at Cajun Walk. Be prepared for gameday to take most of the day.

Preseason Camp Schedule 2019

****Monday, August 12 through Thursday, August 15 – Wind Ensemble Early Auditions (11am – 2pm, and by appt.)****

Thursday, August 15 – Saturday, August 17 **Leadership Camp** (times TBA via email)

Saturday, August 17

9:00-11:00 AM	Percussion and Colorguard Dorm Check-in *****Lunch on Your Own*****
1:00-5:00 PM	First Rehearsal for Drumline and Colorguard
2:00-4:00 PM	Dorm Check-in for WW/Brass (dinner on your own)
5:00-6:00 PM	Pizza Dinner for Leadership, Percussion, Guard

Sunday, August 18

9:00AM	Camp Registration for all WW/Brass
10:30AM-12:30PM	Welcome, Info, and Music Rehearsal (lunch provided)
2:00-5:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
5:00-6:00PM	Dinner (provided)
6:00-9:00 PM	Marching Fundamentals
9:00 PM	Social Time

Monday, August 19 - Thursday, August 22

(Wind Ensemble Auditions – 10:30-11:30am, 1:30-3:30pm, and by appt.)

9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Fundamentals/Drill Rehearsal (lunch provided)
2:00-5:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
5:00-6:30 PM	Dinner (provided)
6:30-9:00 PM	Drill Rehearsal/Stadium Rehearsal (TBD)
9:00 PM	Social Time

Friday, August 23

9:00-12:00 PM	Drill Rehearsal, lunch provided
2:00-4:00 PM	Music Rehearsal
4:30-5:00 PM	Break
5:00-7:00 PM	Rehearsal
7:00-9:00 PM	Pool Pizza Party at Bourgeois Hall

Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25

NO REHEARSAL - meals on your own

Monday, August 26 CLASSES BEGIN!

12:15-2:15 PM	First Class Meeting (Rehearsal)
7:00-9:00 PM	First Brass and Percussion Sectional

Tuesday, August 27

6:00-9:00 PM	First Colorguard Sectional

Saturday, August 31

11:00 AM	Miss St. vs Louisiana (Superdome - New Orleans)

Fall Performance Schedule 2019 (subject to change)

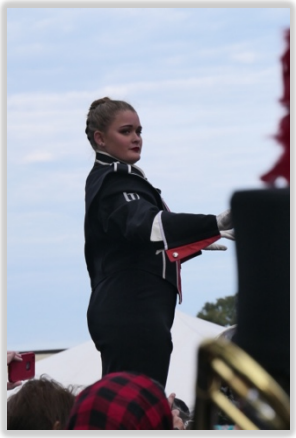
****All events on this page are required of all members unless otherwise indicated****

August

Sun 18-Fri 23	Full Band Preseason Camp (DL and Guard begin Sat 17)
Mon 26	First Day of Classes
12:15 PM	First Marching Band Class
7:00 PM	First Brass/WW/Percussion Sectional
Tues 27	First Guard Sectional (6:00 pm)
Sat 31	**Home Game #1, UL vs. Miss. St. (11:00 am, NOLA)**

September

Wed 4	**Ragin' Roar (Service Event, 7:00 pm)**
Sat 7	**Home Game #2, UL vs. Liberty (6:30 pm)**
Sat 14	**Home Game #3, UL vs. Texas Southern (6:30 pm)**



October

Wed 9	**Home Game #4, UL vs. Appalachian State (7:00 pm)**
Mon 28	**SLBDA District III Marching Festival - Cajun Field (exhibition)**
Thu 31	**Yell Like Hell (Service Event, 7:00 pm)**

November

Sat 2	**Home Game #5, UL vs. Texas State (Homecoming)**
Sat 9	**Louisiana Showcase of Marching Bands - Cajun Field (exhibition)**
Sat 23	**Home Game #6, UL vs. Troy**
Sat 30	**Home Game #7, UL vs. ULM**

December

Sun 8	**Football Banquet (Service Event, 6:00pm)**
Wed 18-Sun 22	Possible Bowl Trip (NOLA/Orlando)????

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. 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. Please contact Dr. Hochkeppel if you have any questions. For more information on both Wind and Jazz Ensemble, including performance highlights, click on the link below.

WIND/JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITION INFORMATION

EVERYONE, regardless of major, is invited to audition, but all those earning awards equal to or above basic (basic = $600 or Housing, and does not include 2nd or 3rd year increases) are expected to audition so you can be placed into the proper band as awards specify. Music majors: please be aware that your fall band placement audition is REQUIRED. Also remember that ensemble participation is limited by GPA, progress toward degree, and credit hours.

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 side of this page. Music majors please be aware that the number of ensembles in which you can participate is limited by your GPA and hours enrolled.

Final Thoughts

UL Tuition Bills: You may already be able to see your fall tuition bill, found on ULink. The process for crediting your scholarship to your account will begin 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. Don't forget to register for the marching band course as well -- 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 us, and we'll be happy to help.

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ACCOUNT NOT CREDITED YET?
Don't worry - as long as you have REGISTERED, you're ok! Accounts will be credited soon.

Don't Forget to SCHEDULE!!!
AMUS 152 (AMUS 352 if you've been in band for more than 2 years)