

MUSI 3240.001---Marching Band Techniques

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Office hours: 1-2MWF, 1-3TR, or by appointment

Class Schedule: 11:00-11:55 TR, FAC 1009

Text and Materials:

No texts are required; you will spend significant time in the Music department's Technology lab using the Pyware© drill design program. If you wish to purchase it for yourself, student prices are cheap. See www.pyware.com. All computers in FAC 1017 will already have these programs installed.

Students will be responsible for purchasing Military-grid drill design paper.

Data Storage: **You will need a keychain drive (AKA Jump drive) of at least 1GB. Save your work...often.**

ATTENDANCE: Students are allowed **two** absences without the final grade being affected. Excessive absences will affect the final grade. The student should note, however, that any absence when homework is due does not excuse the student from turning in work by the class at which the homework is due. Each absence, starting with the third, will lower the semester average by three points. The instructor retains the right to determine whether an absence is of an emergency nature that would not count towards the three allowed absences. Emergencies are handled on a case-by-case basis. Student participation in UTT-sponsored trips (that is, athletics and absences associated with a UT Tyler course in which the student is enrolled) does not count towards the three allowed absences. Vacations, trips not associated with a UT Tyler class, airplane schedules, etc. are not reasons to miss class, and tests or homework missed for these reasons will be given a grade of zero. Furthermore, if a student has six or more absences, **regardless of the reason**, s/he must drop the course or receive a grade no higher than a D. Students who are habitually tardy will first be counseled privately, but the instructor reserves the right to reduce the final grade of those students who are habitually, significantly late to class.

ASSIGNMENTS: ALL assignments will count toward the final grade. Assignments may not be submitted electronically.

NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED without the instructor's approval *in advance* (or, in the case of an emergency, without a verifiable excuse). Simply informing the instructor *post-facto* does not constitute a verifiable excuse.

*Guideline for evaluation of homework grades:

A: submitted when due; in very neat manuscript format with great attention to detail; far exceeds expectations for music majors; anticipates details of assignment, and shows obvious research into the area of assignment; most, if not all, answers are correct and in the notation expected for the assignment

B: submitted when due; neat manuscript format with detail given to assignment particulars; exceeds expectations in most areas for music majors; many details of assignment are anticipated and obvious thought into presentation is shown; most answers are correct, some minor mistakes throughout, or only a few major errors

C: submitted when due; acceptable, but not neat manuscript; meets expectations for music majors in presentation and content, but only in the most basic way; some details of the assignment anticipated, but not shown consistently, or shown rarely; numerous minor errors present, or some major errors present

D: submitted when due; poor manuscript, hurried writing, or generally sloppy appearance; does not meet expectations of music major work in format and detail, due to careless and/or numerous mistakes; major errors throughout

F: unacceptable manuscript; most answers incorrect; no details of assignment followed; far below expectations of music major work

Collusion: When two or more students turn in a homework/assignment that is nearly or exactly alike in all details, collusion is the usual cause. Collusion is copying someone else's work, or working in groups to avoid the amount of work necessary to complete the assignment. In cases of collusion, the grade will be divided by the number of students involved. For example, a grade of 90 involving homework that is exactly alike by three students will result in a grade of 30 for each student.

Evaluation: Final grade is determined by:

50% homework; 25% midterm; 25% final exam

grading scale: 90-100=A 80-89=B 70-79=C 60-69=D 0-59=F

Student Conduct and Dress

UT Tyler students are expected to act and dress like pre-professionals. There is always room in a college classroom for polite disagreement. However, profanity, ethnic/sexual/gender slurs, threatening actions, and/or insults towards students or instructor are not tolerated; a student exhibiting such behavior will be forced to drop the course, with referral for disciplinary action. Since I consider a weapon in the classroom to be a direct threat to both myself and the security of the class, weapons are not permitted in my classroom. Disagreements with grades or class policies are handled by conference during office hours. Class roll will be taken at every class.

Note: Cell phones or any other handheld devices are not allowed in class. Students who make calls/receive calls/text/web surf in class will be asked to leave and then charged with an absence. The following are not permitted in class: caps or hats, sweaters, coats, jackets, pajamas, sagging pants, or any clothing that the instructor deems to be immodest and/or not fitting for the academic environment.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completing MUSI 3240, students should be able to:

- articulate a brief history and philosophy of American school marching bands;
- teach others both corps-style and military fundamentals;
- be able to score an easy-to-moderate marching band arrangement from an existing score;
- chart one musical selection of drill in military style, on paper;
- chart one musical selection of drill in Corps style, using Pyware© software; and
- define terminology of marching maneuvers in both Corps-style and military marching bands.

Tentative Course Outline

August 29 August 31	Introduction to course; syllabus; final projects; evaluation; History of marching band in the US UIL forms-eligibility; contest rules; band camp; lining off the field (homework 1)
September 5 September 7	Current philosophy of US/Texas marching bands; show styles choosing a show concept (you will too—today—music and drill); preparing for camp; summer letters to staff and students (homework 2)
September 12 September 14	Computer Lab: Pyware Basics Fundamentals of scoring; acoustics, overtone reinforcement; setting up melody in full score (homework 3)
September 19 September 21	Computer Lab: Pyware Basics Military Band basic "block"; theory of design and placement (homework 4)
September 26 September 28	Lead Sheet, first step; how to do raw cuts with music (homework 5) Music selection for military bands: fanfare, marches, transitions, coda/fanfare
October 3 October 5	Marching Percussion—guest lecture: instruments, tuning, scoring Military drill: entries and major categories of maneuvers (homework 6)
October 10 October 12	Military Drill: Illinois Entry, Texas Turn (homework 7) Midterm Exam
October 17 October 19 October 21	Computer Lab: opening formation(s), “set” concepts, drill and music coordination with tabs Guest lecture: Colorguard props, movement, capabilities, choreography Region 21 Marching Contest (homework 8) at Longview High School (required observation-4 hours plus journal of Form 2 for observed groups)
October 24 October 26	Colorguard: drill writing, interval, movement; hosting a contest; UIL attendance/logistics Military Drill: practice with charting maneuvers
October 31 November 2	Computer Lab: charting practice with Push maneuver (homework 9) Arranging/scoring: melody and bass line
November 7 November 9	Computer Lab: "follow the leader" drill (homework 10) Arranging/scoring; counter melody and accompaniment
November 14 November 16	Arranging/scoring: dynamics, articulations, balance considerations; percussion scoring Corps-style drill: solid form possibilities
November 21, 23	<u>No class-Thanksgiving break</u>
November 28 November 30	Arranging/scoring: transitions and coda Computer lab: perspective; instrumentation; color; guard; collision check
December 5 December 7	Marching Fundamentals—Military (fundamentals outside--dress appropriately) (homework 11) Marching Fundamentals—Corps (fundamentals outside--dress appropriately) (homework 12)
final exam—Tuesday, December 12 at 11 AM	

Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is September 11.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at

<http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract. The Census Date (Sept. 11th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Student Accessibility and Resources

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to estaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a commonly-observed religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has

changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

"Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

*copying from another student's test paper;

*using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;

*failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;

*possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;

*using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;

*collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;

*discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;

*divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;

*substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;

*paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;

*falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;

*taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and

*misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.

iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™,

UT Tyler Resources for Students

*UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu

*UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu

*The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.

UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)