

Midwestern State University

MUSC 1041 Section 101 – University Marching Band

Fall 2020

M/W/F 8:0-8:50 AM, Fain Instrumental Music Building 105

Contact Information

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Course Description

The “Golden Thunder” Marching Band is open to all students of Midwestern State University. Repertoire includes a specified collection of thematic works design for maximum visual and aural audience appeal, as well as including the majority of fundamental music basics necessary to supplement a music education curriculum.

Required Course Materials

- Drill charts for pregame and halftime performances
- Sheet music for warm-up sequence, pregame show, halftime shows, and stands tunes
- Instrument, in excellent working condition and continuously cleaned

Course Objectives

- Improve playing technique as individuals and within small ensembles.
- Learn new music for public performances throughout the semester.
- Rehearse compositions written and/or transcribed for small ensembles of percussion instruments.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will possess a better understanding of performing in a marching band, a familiarity with current and traditional repertoire for this genre, and rehearsal techniques required to prepare marching bands for public performance.

Student Assessment

Students will be assessed on their ability to arrive before rehearsal and be prepared to play at the assigned rehearsal time, arrive with music prepared for upcoming performances, and participate throughout the class period.

Grading

The student's final grade will consist of the following evaluations:

- Daily Attendance, Preparation, and Participation: 50%
- Knowledge and Memorization of Music and Drill: 50%

Attendance

Attendance at every assigned rehearsal is expected. Students should arrive early to assemble equipment and then be prepared to play once the clock strikes the assigned rehearsal time. Two (2) unexcused absences will result in the maximum grade of a B, three (3) unexcused-maximum grade of C, four (4) unexcused-maximum grade of D. Any more unexcused absences result in a failing grade. Dr. Robinson must approve any excused absence at least 48 hours IN ADVANCE of the rehearsal, or the student must provide official documentation of illness or family emergency for an absence to be classified as "excused." Any student who is absent from a performance will be removed from the ensemble and receive an "F" for their final semester grade.

Special Needs

If a student needs class accommodation(s) because of a documented disability, (2) has an emergency medical condition that may interfere with class performance, or (3) requires special handling in case the building must be evacuated, he/she is encouraged to contact the office of Disability Support Services in room 168 Clark Student Center (940) 397-4140 and make an appointment with the professor as soon as possible.

Student Conduct

Behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to benefit from the instruction will result in the instructor removing the disruptive student(s) from the class, either temporarily or permanently (instructor drop), and assigning a final lower grade, up to and including an F. In addition, and depending on the nature of the behavior or conduct, the student(s) may be subject to further disciplinary actions as per MSU policies.

Privacy Statement

Federal privacy law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases the professor will not discuss a student's academic progress or other matters with his/her parents. Please do not have them call. Regardless of these important legal considerations, the professors' general policy is to communicate with the students, not their parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty including plagiarism and giving or receiving unauthorized assistance is prohibited. Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2)

the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given. If a student in the class plagiarizes material, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Honor Creed developed and adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the creed reads, "As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else do so." Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

Social Justice

Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's stated core values, and the professor considers the classroom a place where students are treated with respect as human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Moreover, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided the students can agree to disagree. The professor's expectation is that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Campus Carry

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at MSU Campus Carry Policy.

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COVID-19 Statements

Seating arrangements – All classes for marching band will begin on the rehearsal field (unless otherwise designated) in a predetermined setup (to be provided on the second rehearsal day).

Face coverings – MSU policy for indoor and outdoor rehearsals applies. In addition, students that play woodwinds and brass will be provided masks appropriate for their respective instrument. Please do not share these with anyone.

Flexibility – At any time, we may transfer marching band to an online (adapted) course. In this instance, the class will continue until the directors feel the overall work is commensurate with the credit amount. In this instance, accommodations will be provided. Illness and accommodations will be done on a person-to-person basis.

Attendance is expected at all times, and absence from a class needs to be communicated as quickly as possible. Attendance will be taken every rehearsal.

D2L – D2L is an official means of communication and repository of class records, music, and materials for marching band.

Cleaning protocols – no instruments are to be shared at any time. When an instrument is stored in its place, it should have enough proper space to allow for social distancing.

Office hours – Since marching band rarely requires office hours, all inquiries/questions regarding this class should be done via email and/or online meeting (only in exceptional instances).

Social distancing – All music, dance, and color guard rehearsals will adhere to the minimum 6-ft. rule, and will also begin with further distancing, depending on the activity.