



Huron High School Music Department

Marching Band – Course Syllabus

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 10:25 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

For the purposes of this syllabus, the term “season” refers to the time from Monday, 01 August 2011 through Thursday, 01 December 2011.

In this class, students will become familiar with and learn to move to music. Students will use marching techniques to provide movement and will also learn how composers utilize specific musical elements to create music to which the audience is expected to move. Activities during this course will be to perform the season’s show at Huron High School home and playoff footballs games, other Huron High School sporting events, various competitions across the region, as well as participate at a selection of parades throughout the season. THIS IS A PERFORMANCE BASED CLASS AND WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE DEDICATION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE MUSIC AND DRILL ASSIGNED AS WELL AS THE COMMITMENT TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ABOVE STATED MUSIC AND DRILL.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

All required materials for this course can be found online at <http://www.huronbands.com/marchingband.html> or will be handed out in class.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ATTENDANCE

The Huron High School Marching Band is a performance based ensemble. Much like any other group, preparing with the entire unit and then performing with one or more people in absence is detrimental to the success of the group. It is imperative that all members of the Huron High School Marching Band make the commitment to the ensemble to be in attendance not only during school, but outside of school hours for rehearsals and performances as well.



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PREPARATION & PERFORMANCE

If at any point throughout the season a student is unprepared for an upcoming performance (as so deemed by the instructor) then that student may be required to sit out for the duration of the performance that they are unprepared for. Issues that would cause a student to be unprepared for a performance include but are not limited to:

- Lack of knowledge/memorization of the music assigned
- Lack of knowledge/memorization of the drill assigned
- Incomplete or inappropriate uniform for the performance

GRADING SCALE (numbers in percentages)

100.0 and above = A+

99.5-92.5 = A

92-89.5 = A-

89-87.5 = B+

87-82.5 = B

82-79.5 = B-

79-77.5 = C+

77-72.5 = C

72-69.5 = C-

69-67.5 = D+

67-62.5 = D

62-59.5 = D-

59 and below = E

ASSIGNMENTS

- **Syllabus (25 points)**
 - At the beginning of the season each student will be asked to read over this syllabus with their parent/guardian and then will be required to have the last page completed in full for submission by the first day of pre-band camp.
- **Music Part Testing**
 - Throughout the season each student will be tested multiple times to determine whether or not the music assigned is at an appropriate level of preparedness as so deemed by the instructor.
- **Drill Part Testing**
 - Throughout the season each student will be tested multiple times to determine whether or not the drill assigned is at an appropriate level of preparedness as so deemed by the instructor.



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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

- **Preparation Points**
 - During the entire season, students will be expected to come to class prepared with all music, a pencil, a music folder, as well as the appropriate instrument and all components to make that instrument play properly.
- **Rehearsals**
 - At different times throughout the course of the season, the Huron High School Marching Band will need to perform. Attendance at these rehearsals is **MANDATORY AND WILL BE FOR A GRADE**. All mandatory events will be announced at least a week in advance. Any rehearsal that is announced with less than a week's notice will be counted as extra credit.
- **Performances**
 - At different times throughout the course of the season, opportunities will arise for the Huron High School Marching Band to perform. Attendance at these events is **MANDATORY AND WILL BE FOR A GRADE**. All mandatory events will be announced at least a week in advance. Any performance that is announced with less than a week's notice will be counted as extra credit.
- **Final Exam**
 - At the end of the season there will be a final exam. Any material covered over the course of the season may be used on this exam.
- **Alternate Final Exam**
 - Any student carrying an overall course grade of 100% or better will be given the option of taking an alternate final exam. More details regarding this alternate final exam will be given in class.
- **Extra Credit**
 - Extra credit will be assigned at the discretion of the instructor. All extra credit details will be given in class.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

You are expected to do your own work in this course, and to submit only that work which you have completed. I take cheating, plagiarism, etc. extremely seriously and I have no tolerance for it. Academic misconduct on any segment of this course may result in a failing grade for the course and referral for additional disciplinary action. You are strongly advised to carefully review the Huron High School policies on academic misconduct. I will provide you with these resources upon your request.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<http://www.huronbands.com>

<http://www.huronbands.com/marchingband.html>



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Classroom Expectations

- Come to class prepared and on time
- No Pop or Food in the classroom
- Dress appropriately for school

Outerwear is not permitted in class or the halls - including bags & backpacks

- No Cell Phones *Seen* or *Heard* in the class or in the halls
- No electronics devices
- No foul language
- Always treat others with respect



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I have read and understand all terms to the above course syllabus.

(Please fill out and return ONLY this sheet)

Student Name (Print Please)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Please)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address (Print Please)

1st Trimester
5th Period