I. COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES
The purpose of Pep Band is to attain the highest possible performance standard through learning different styles of music. The band will be an important part of the Corpus Christi culture through performances at TAMU-CC athletic events.

II. REQUIRED MATERIALS
1. Music
2. Instrument and Accessories
3. Flip Folder
Any student who does not have all of these materials at rehearsal will be dismissed from rehearsal to retrieve them and will incur a tardy. Students who do not return in a timely fashion will receive an unexcused absence (see “Grading Policy” for consequences of tardies and absences).

III. PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS
All members are expected to participate in Pep Band for the fall and spring semesters. Though it’s a class, it is also a paying job, and members should behave themselves accordingly. It is unacceptable for members to miss rehearsals or performances without informing the director as far in advance as possible. A complete basketball schedule is provided at the end of the syllabus.

Every member will receive $20 per service, paid at the beginning of the service by Athletics. In the case that there are two games in one day, each member will be paid for both services ($40 total). More details about game day procedures will be provided later in the semester.

Athletics also provides a high-quality shirt for each member, which is to be worn at every service, along with khaki pants and athletic shoes.

Basketball Games and Pep Rallies
Pep Band performs at all men’s and women’s basketball games. The band is integral to the overall experience at basketball games. All members are expected to perform at all games. In addition, pep rallies are an integral part of the college experience, and the Islander Pep Band enthusiastically participates in these events. All members are required to perform in these events. Pep rallies are included in the season schedule.

Post-Season Activities Policy
In the event that one of the TAMU-CC basketball teams makes a post-season tournament, it may be necessary for the Pep Band to travel and perform at these events. It is a policy of the Pep Band that all members participate in university-sanctioned post-season activities as part of the course requirements and are subject to the grading policy in the syllabus. The director will let you know of these performances as early as possible.

IV. GRADING POLICY
The success of our rehearsals and preparation depends on each individual’s participation, so attendance is required. Every person in the group must be able to work in an energized environment with a positive attitude and to the best of his or her abilities. Grading is based on attendance, effort and attitude.

Attendance
Attendance is graded as follows:
1. Every student begins the semester with an A.
2. One unexcused rehearsal absences will lower your grade one letter. Each consecutive unexcused absence will lower your grade one additional letter. Absence is defined as any student arriving to rehearsal more than 30 minutes after the scheduled class time. Four rehearsal absences will result in a failing grade.
3. Two tardies equal one unexcused absence. Tardies are defined as not being ready to play at the scheduled start of class time.

4. Unexcused absence from a performance may incur an immediate failing grade and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

**Participation**
Positive participation is expected of all members. Students who talk during instruction, complain constantly, and/or do not comply with instruction given by director detract from a positive atmosphere. Disruptive students exhibiting these or similar behaviors may be dismissed from rehearsal and will receive an unexcused absence for that day.

**Absence Requests**
In order to be excused from a rehearsal, a student must fill out an *Absence Request Form* found on the ensemble page of the TAMU-CC music site (http://cla.tamucc.edu/pages/ensembles.html). The form must be received at least 24 hours prior to the request date and should be submitted as far in advance as possible of the date requested. In cases of emergency, when you may not be able to get to a computer, the form must be submitted within 48 hours of the absence. The **ONLY** excused absences are for personal illness (requires a written doctor’s excuse) and death/funeral/major surgery/family emergency in the immediate family. Work and/or assisting with local high school bands are not excusable absences or conflicts. *Requesting an absence does not guarantee approval.*

**Outside Commitments**
As a member of the ensemble, it is assumed that your primary responsibility is to the announced schedule. Outside work and non-university related performance opportunities are considered to be the business of the student but should not interfere with class obligations. Consider this document a contract of your commitments to the Pep Band.

V. **UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**Academic Advising**
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

**Notice to Students with Disabilities**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Corpus Christi Hall, Room 116. If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

**Grade Appeal Process**
As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the student may take the steps below:

1. Presentation of grievance to instructor. (This step must be taken within fourteen calendar days after the beginning of the next term.)
2. Appeal to department chair or area coordinator.
3. Written appeal to the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
4. Preliminary review and advising by an ombudsman appointed by the Provost.
5. Submission of file by department chair to the chair of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
6. Review of file by committee chair and submission of case to committee.
7. Proceedings of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee. (Committee holds hearing, reviews data, presents findings to all parties, and makes recommendation to Provost).
8. Decision by Provost.
9. Final appeal in writing to the Provost if student or instructor thinks appropriate procedures have not been followed.

For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures.

These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.htm. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

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