ISLANDER PEP BAND
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
COURSE SYLLABUS
Spring 2018

Department: Music
Course Number: MUEN 1127-001
Title: Pep Band
Class Period: TR, 5:00-6:15 p.m.
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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 and other performances.

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 or dinner, by Athletics or other sponsor. 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 home basketball games. The band is vital 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 10 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 or performance, a student must email the director (kenneth.iyescas@tamucc.edu). The email 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. The ONLY excused absences are for personal illness (requires a written doctor's excuse) and death/funeral/major surgery/family emergency. 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

Classroom/professional behavior
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may
be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

Grade Appeals

As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, 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. 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 Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, Student Grade Appeals. These documents are accessible online at: http://academicaffairs.tamu.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal in CLA, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.

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. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

Disabilities Accommodations

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 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.

**Dropping a Class**

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. *Please consult with your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course.* Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. April 6th is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

**Statement of Academic Continuity**

In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.