

# PEP BAND SYLLABUS

MUSIC 485-011 / 685-011

FALL 2009

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*This syllabus and its requirements are for students that are registered in pep band WITHOUT a scholarship award. All students enrolled in Pep Band with a scholarship award should adhere to the requirements as notated by their Scholarship Contract.*

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**CLASS TIME (REHEARSAL):** Wednesday, 7:20 – 10:00pm

**CLASS LOCATION:** As notated on schedule, and emails throughout the semester.

**COURSE NUMBER:** 72091 (Undergraduate); 72092 (Graduate)

**CREDITS:** 1

## COMMUNICATION:

Due to the ever-changing fast pace of our schedule, frequent communication between band staff and band members is crucial to the effectiveness of our operation. All communication will be sent through your GMU email address. Be sure to check it frequently!

## CONDUCT:

In the interest of representing George Mason University in a classy, witty, and sportsmanlike way, there are words and behaviors that will not be tolerated at games. The band is here to provide a service in a professional manner, and our behavior should reflect that mission. Anyone displaying behavior that tarnishes our reputation as a band and undermines the spirit of what we do and who we are will promptly be asked to leave and escorted out of the Patriot Center by event staff. Following being removed, admittance back in the band will only be accepted after meeting with Dr. Nickens. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

- No cursing.
- No directly engaging any opposing team's fans in a derogatory or overly aggressive manner.
- Be funny, witty, emotional and classy!

## ATTENDANCE:

Attendance is required for every rehearsal, and for the number of events as listed in the Schedule Requirements. All pep band members must sign in by call time. Late attendance will be noted on the roster. Every 3 tardies will count as one unexcused absence. No absences from rehearsal are permitted without advance permission from

director. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor as to the reason for any absence. If you anticipate you will be late to a rehearsal or event, please fill out the Late Arrival form on the Green Machine website (<http://greenmachine.gmu.edu/members/late.html>).

### **TOURNAMENTS:**

The Green Machine will be traveling to the Puerto Rico Tip-Off Men's Basketball Tournament from November 19 – November 22, 2009 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This tournament is NOT mandatory. Selection for the travel rosters are made based on the following criteria:

- 1) Instrumentation
- 2) Attendance
- 3) Seniority
- 4) Pattern of Conduct

### **SCHEDULE / CLASS REQUIREMENTS:**

**\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\*** *This schedule will change throughout the semester as events are added. Please visit the Members Calendar on the Green Machine website (<http://greenmachine.gmu.edu/members/events.html>) for the latest updates on our calendar.*

- Completion of an Athletic Bands information sheet (<http://greenmachine.gmu.edu/join.html>)
- Participation in an assigned crew
- Attendance at all rehearsals:
  - Wednesday, September 2, 7:30pm | Patriot Center
  - Wednesday, September 9, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, September 16, 7:20pm | Patriot Center
  - Wednesday, September 23, 7:20pm | Patriot Center
  - Wednesday, September 30, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, October 14, 7:20pm | Patriot Center
  - Wednesday, October 21, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, October 28, 7:20pm | Patriot Center
  - Wednesday, November 4, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, November 11, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, November 18, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, December 2, 7:20pm | Location TBA
  - Wednesday, December 9, 7:20pm | Location TBA
- 3 football games
  - Football vs. Walter Reed | *Saturday, September 5, 3:00pm*
  - Football vs. Stevens Tech | *Saturday, September 12, 3:00pm*
  - Football vs. Louisburg College | *Saturday, October 3, 3:00pm*
  - Football vs. Hargrave Military | *Sunday, October 25, 1:00pm*
  - Football vs. Central Carolina Sports Academy- TBA | *Saturday, November 14, 3:00pm*
- 3 men's basketball games
  - Men vs. Liberty (doubleheader) | *Friday, November 13*
  - Men vs. Dartmouth | *Sunday, November 15*
  - Men vs. Dayton | *Tuesday, December 8*
  - Men vs. Creighton | *Saturday, December 12*
  - Men vs. VMI | *Tuesday, December 22*
  - Men vs. ODU | *Saturday, January 2*
  - Men vs. Hofstra | *Monday, January 4*

- Men vs. UNCW | *Saturday, January 9*
- Men vs. Georgia State | *Wednesday, January 13*
- 3 women's basketball games
  - Women vs. TBA (doubleheader) | *Friday, November 13*
  - Women vs. TBA | *Monday, November 23*
  - Women vs. TBA | *Monday, November 30*
- 2 “other” events
  - Pep Band BBQ | *Sunday, September 20, 12:30pm* | Dean Flagel’s House
  - Grand opening of the new Engineering Building | *Friday, October 2, 3:00pm*
- Puerto Rico Fundraising Concert | *Wednesday, October 7, 8:00pm* | Center for the Arts Concert Hall
- 2009 Midnight Madness | *Friday, October 16, 2009, nighttime hours* | Patriot Center
- Fall Open House / Admissions Fall Preview | *Saturday, November 14, 2009, 10:00am* | Patriot Center

#### **REPORT TIMES:**

**Rehearsal:** Rehearsal begins promptly at 7:30pm (10 minutes after the class time technically begins). All students must be in place ready to play at this time. It is expected that all crew responsibilities will be handled to allow for all crew members to still arrive on time.

**Football Games:** Warm-ups will begin promptly 75 minutes (one hour and 15 minutes) prior to kick-off. People who arrive after call (report) time will be considered tardy, and the attendance sheet will reflect as such. It is expected that all crew responsibilities will be handled to allow for all crew members to still arrive on time.

**Patriot Center (basketball) Games:** Warm-ups will begin promptly 75 minutes (one hour and 15 minutes) prior to tip-off. People who arrive after call (report) time will be considered tardy, and the attendance sheet will reflect as such. It is expected that all crew responsibilities will be handled to allow for all crew members to still arrive on time.

**Other Events:** Call times will depend upon the circumstances of the event (on or off-campus, etc.). Information regarding these events will be available as they are booked.

**Crew:** There are specific requirements for each crew, and call times will vary depending on which crew you are enrolled in. Crew members must arrive with enough time to manage their specific crew responsibilities and still sign in on time.

#### **GRADING:**

Grading in pep band is based solely upon attendance and participation. Your grade will be determined by satisfactorily meeting the attendance requirements in each category:

- Rehearsals
- Football games
- Men’s basketball games
- Women’s basketball games
- 2 “other” events
- Puerto Rico Fundraising Concert | *Wednesday, October 7, 8:00pm* | Center for the Arts Concert Hall
- 2009 Midnight Madness | *Friday, October 16, 2009, nighttime hours* | Patriot Center
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- Satisfactory completion of crew requirements

An individual grade is given for each category, upon which the average of all categories will be taken for the final semester grade.