

MARCHING BAND (0-3-1)
MUSC 3880 CRN: 80532
Days/Time: MW 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and F 3:00 – 4:50 pm
Room Location: FA 191/Front Lawn
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CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Perform at all home football games and various exhibitions. Auditions required for color guard and feature twirler. Fall semester only.

RATIONALE: This group provides the university with a focal point for campus spirit and quality entertainment at football games and selected other performances. Students receive large ensemble performance experience as well as familiarity with organizational and rehearsal techniques.

TEXT: Musical arrangements and drill charts selected and/or designed by the band director will be provided.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon successful completion of this course, students will

1. Display the technical facility in marching and playing needed to produce a public performance. (Dept. of Music – Acquire the ability to teach music at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom and ensemble settings; VSU - #6)

ASSIGNMENTS:

Attend band camp and all regularly scheduled rehearsals
Perform at all VSU home football games
Perform at any additional scheduled event (marching exhibition, homecoming parade, and National Championship game – if applicable)
Memorize show music according to the schedule provided
Bring all materials to class (instrument, music, flip folder, drill design, and pencil)
*Assignments are constructed to provide the structure needed to meet the course objective(s).

ASSESSMENT:

You will receive a letter grade and one semester-hour credit for MUSC 3880.

Grading Scale: 90 – 100 = A; 80 – 89 = B; 70 -79 = C; 60 – 69 = D; 59 or < = F

Grading Criteria:

1. Positive Learning Environment (20%)

Having all materials (instrument, music, flip folder, drill design, etc.) with you each day.

2. Music Memorization (30%)

Each student will be responsible for passing off all show music to their respective section leader. Any music that is not passed off by the due date will lower this portion of your grade by 10 points for each day it is late.

3. Attendance (50%)

Each absence drops your attendance grade by 8 points. Seven or more absences results in an automatic F for the course. Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog regarding the attendance policy. A missed performance requires advanced notice to the Director. A missed performance due to illness requires verification from a physician. An unexcused missed performance drops your attendance grade by 25 points. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class session. Students who are less than 30 minutes late will be counted tardy (three tardies counts as an absence). Students that are more than 30 minutes late will be counted absent.

*Students are responsible for being at all home football games (including playoffs), the national championship game (if applicable), homecoming parade, high school exhibitions, and any other scheduled events.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Course Calendar to be provided by the instructor.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:

The University expects that all students shall regularly attend all scheduled class meetings held for instruction or examination. . . . It is recognized that class attendance is essentially a matter between students and their instructors. Instructors must explain their absence policy in the course syllabus. All students are held responsible for knowing the specific attendance requirements as prescribed by their instructors and for the satisfactory make-up work missed by absences. When students are to be absent from class, they should immediately contact the instructor. A student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receive a failing grade in the course.

Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in room 1115 Nevins Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY).

Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the Student Code of Conduct and the faculty members' syllabi. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics.

2013 PERFORMANCE CALENDAR:

Aug 31	Meet the Blazers
Sept 7	@ Fort Valley State (game played in Macon, GA)
Sept 21	Home vs Shorter University
Sept 24	Southern Open Marching Exhibition
Sept 28	Home vs Angelo State
Oct 5	Homecoming Parade and Game (vs Florida Tech)
Oct 10	@ West Alabama (pep-band)
Oct 19	@ West GA; Exhibition in Metro-Atlanta following game
Oct 26	Home vs UNA; Exhibition in Warner Robins following game
Nov 3	Home vs UNC Pembroke

*We will also perform at all home playoff games and possibly perform at regional playoff games.