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**PANTHER
MARCHING BAND**

Welcome to campus! We are all very excited to see the Dome once again filled with your incredible energy again this fall! If you are a new member, welcome to UNI and to the Panther Marching Band. You are joining an outstanding group of people that is well-respected on our campus and throughout the region. If you are a returning member, your leadership and experience is of the greatest value to all of us - welcome back! Good luck at Band Camp and for an amazing 2025 marching season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Danny Galyen, Director of Bands

Greetings from UNI! I hope that you are all having a great summer and are enjoying your time in between school years. I am thrilled to be beginning my ninth year as director of the PMB. This is a special year here at UNI, one where we will begin celebrating 150 years of excellence at our university, and 125 years of the PMB! The PMB is truly a first-rate organization with outstanding members and a healthy and warm culture. I am so happy to get back to work so we can continue the PMB's tradition of excellence as both a performing ensemble and "home" for all involved. It is truly **the finest organization on this or any campus!**

To all new members of the PMB: I am so glad that you made the decision to be a part of the PMB! Being in a college band is one of the best experiences you can have as a musician. You will find that even though it is hard work you will have one of the most rewarding experiences of your college career because you will be a part of something larger than yourself and join a supportive community of several hundred people with whom you share a common interest. This is a profound experience, and if you keep an open mind, you will have one of the defining experiences of your college career!

To all veteran members of the PMB: I am very excited to get back to work with all of you. The most important group in any college band is its veteran members. You are the people who will "set the tone" and model what it means to be in the PMB for all its new members. I will be counting on you to uphold the PMB's values and traditions of working

hard while having fun. YOU are what will make the biggest impact on the PMB and I can't wait to see you in action!

Everyone at UNI Bands is already hard at work to ensure that this season will be a terrific one. In addition to the faculty and staff, our great Leadership team is also already working for you. They have my thanks for their efforts and service to the PMB. Our performance calendar is set, and you might notice that we are working hard to get the PMB all over the region to make sure that everyone can see what the PMB is all about. Also, I hope you will all look forward to the 12th Annual PMB Live in the Great Hall at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. Dr. Galyen and I have a lot of exciting things planned as we work to expand the musical opportunities available to you at UNI. Be on the lookout for news about them.

This newsletter contains vital information about the 2025 season, from pre-season training all the way to the end of the fall semester. Be sure to read everything, and make sure you know what your responsibilities are so that you can be prepared for our first meeting in August as we get to work. We are all excited about the upcoming season and can't wait to get started. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in August!

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin J. Mertz, Associate Director of Bands
Director, Panther Marching Band



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IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE [COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#) SO THAT WE WILL BE READY FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN AUGUST

UNI BANDS/PMB FACULTY AND STAFF

Director of Bands

Dr. Danny Galyen is the Director of Bands at UNI. Dr. Galyen holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in music education with a wind conducting emphasis from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in music education with a wind conducting concentration from the University of Florida. At UNI, Dr. Galyen oversees all aspects of the band program, conducts the Wind Ensemble, and teaches courses in conducting and music education.

Associate Director of Bands/Director of the Panther Marching Band

Dr. Justin J. Mertz is the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the Panther Marching Band. Dr. Mertz holds bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in music education with a conducting emphasis from Syracuse University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in music education from Boston University. Dr. Mertz directs the Panther Marching Band, conducts the Symphonic Band, and teaches courses in music education.

Colorguard Instructor

Amy Hunzelman, a native of Marion, Iowa, holds a B.M. and B.A. from the University of Iowa and an M.A. from the University of Northern Iowa. With over 30 years of colorguard coaching experience in Iowa and Illinois, she brings a wealth of expertise to the PMB program. Her performance background includes Drum Corps International and Brass Theatre, the precursor to *Blast*. Now in her 20th season with the PMB, Amy continues to be a dedicated leader and mentor within the program. She resides in Waverly with her family and serves as a Regional Director for the Iowa State Extension Office in North Central Iowa.

Drumline Instructors

Barry Dvorak is a native of Cresco, Iowa. He studied percussion at UNI and served as the Percussion Coordinator for the Cedar Falls Public Schools from 1989-2011. He has performed with the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra and the Wartburg Community Symphony. Barry also serves as the instructor of the UNI Winter Drumline.

Matt Andreini is a native Iowan, and began teaching percussion at the University of Northern Iowa in 2011. Andreini maintains an active performance career, performing in a diverse range of ensembles throughout Iowa and the Midwest. Highly regarded as a soloist, he is regularly featured performer with numerous ensembles, and has completed multiple international tours across Europe, Central, and South America.

Graduate Assistants

Garret Arensdorf is our returning Graduate Assistant for 2025. He most recently taught at North Iowa Community Schools where he led instrumental activities along with the high school choir. He has also recently completed a year long interim position at Waldorf University where he served as their adjunct Director of Bands. Garret is a native of Dubuque, a graduate of Wartburg College, and is excited to return to the Cedar Valley. An avid tuba player, coffee connoisseur, and proud father to two cats (Charlie and Parker), he is looking forward to continuing his education by pursuing his masters degree in wind conducting at UNI.

Timarie LaFoy is one of our new Graduate Assistants for 2025. She will be studying wind conducting. She holds a Bachelors of Music in Instrumental Music Education and a minor in Mental Health from UNI. During her undergraduate degree Timarie was involved in the Panther Marching Band, UNI Pep Bands, Northern Iowa Flute Choir, concert ensembles and worked in the School of Music office. After graduation, Timarie taught 9-12 instrumental music at Prairie City Monroe (PCM) High School from 2021-2025. She has a passion for fostering dedication and excellence in various types of large ensembles.

Emma Schmidt-Denner is also a new Graduate Assistant with us in 2025, studying clarinet performance and wind conducting. She has been a high school band

director for the last six years. She was the director at Southeast Valley from 2019-2021 and Wahlert Catholic from 2021-2025. She also was an assistant director/caption head with the University of Dubuque Marching Spartans from 2022-2025. She has a private clarinet studio as well and teaches several students in her off time.

UNI Bands Secretary

Kelsey Williams joined the UNI School of Music in January 2022 as a Secretary in Russell Hall. Originally from Cedar Falls, she earned her Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Iowa in 2008. After 12 years working and singing in Chicago, Kelsey and her family are excited to be back in the Cedar Valley.

PMB LEADERSHIP

The PMB is unique in that our student Leadership plays an integral role in the operation, rehearsal, and performance of the Band. In addition to our Veteran members, these students will be vital in making sure our season is a great one. All Leaders were selected because of their high standards of musicianship, organization, and dedication. Congratulations to all students selected for Leadership!

LOGISTICS TEAMS

The Logistics Teams ensure that the PMB can operate smoothly and effectively so we are free to do our work. They work hard to make sure the PMB serves its members well!

Staff Managers

Laiken Geary

Addy Dahlquist (Head)

Blake Burrus

Sidnie Clark

Equipment Managers

Greta Herbst

Kate Hansen

Sidnie Clark

Faith Leed

Luke Abels

Kristen Rosauer

Mary Shields

Hope Thurm

Librarians

Luke Abels

Sidnie Clark

Sydney Mast

Kate Hansen

Al Haynie

Laura Comstock

Sara Shannon

Colorguard Managers

Maggie McKim

Anna Schwenker

Colorguard Recruiting

Aster Kmetz

Meghan Chagdes

Special Operations

FIELD LEADERSHIP

The Field Leaders make sure that our music sounds great and our marching and visuals are clean. Drum Majors, along with the Director, manage the musical preparation of the PMB and conduct the Band in performance. Field Coordinators work to plan and teach band-wide visuals, and along with the Director, manage the PMB's marching preparation. Marching and Music Section Leaders lead their sections in preparing music and marching during sectional rehearsals and assist in music and drill learning during full-band rehearsals.

Drum Majors

Katie Flaherty
Amy Hoogendoorn
Kate VanGorp
Abby Wendland

Field Coordinators

Sydney Mast
Brendan Millsagle

Flute Section Leaders

Ellie Dorris, Marching
Charlotte Suski, Marching
Hope Thurm, Marching
Laiken Geary, Music

Clarinet Section Leaders

Annika Dage, Marching
Tabitha Dalle, Marching
Eliva DiTomaso, Marching
Regan Pietig, Marching
Kayah Rowe, Marching
McKinley Boyd, Music
Riana Kraft, Music

Alto Saxophone Section Leaders

Marguerite Fakler, Marching
Kate Hansen, Marching
Greta Herbst, Marching
Sadie Johnson, Marching
Landon Then, Music

BTS Section Leaders

Easton Steffen, Marching
Marshall Hackbart, Marching
Toby Houser, Marching
Matthew Richardson, Music, Tenor
Saxophone
Finn Coons, Music, Baritone

Trumpet Section Leaders

Lian Antunez, Marching
Peyton Borseth, Marching
Makayla Clark, Marching
Jaden Eilers, Marching
Anna Van Der Weide, Marching
Ale Cabello, Music
Lucas O'Neil, Music

Mellophone Section Leaders

Miranda Bellinghausen, Marching
Luke Rockhold, Marching
Maddie Klein, Music
Mitchell Stevens, Music

Trombone Section Leaders

Jessie Then, Marching
Noah DeVore, Marching
Jackson Elliott, Music

Tuba Section Leaders

Alexis Holman, Marching
Cayman Swartzendruber, Marching

Tuba Section Leaders, continued

Grant Zaring, Marching
Clayton Flattery, Music

Percussion Section Leaders/Captains

Leah Rudd, Snare
Zack Kendrick, Tenors
Elli Bishop, Bass
Jenna Gerdes, Frontline

Colorguard Captains

Elise McFarlin
Joryn Hanson
Ren Irlbeck
Kenzie Zeien

PRE-SEASON BAND CAMP DATES, MOVE-IN, AND REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Pre-season PMB rehearsals (Band Camp) will be held on the following dates. Be sure to put them in your calendar!

Drumline and Colorguard: August 16-22

Winds and Brass: August 18-22

WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW TO ARRIVE FOR BAND CAMP

All students should report to the lobby of the [Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center](#), 8201 Dakota St. Cedar Falls, IA 50614 (use that address for your GPS!)

Drumline and Colorguard: (New and Veteran members): Report 10:00am on Saturday, August 16

New Wind Players: Report 8:00am-10:00am on Monday August 18

Veteran/Returning Winds: Report 10:00am-11:30am on Monday, August 18

After you check in, you will be able to move into your residence hall. Please do not report to your residence hall until you have first checked in with us at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center lobby.

If you are uncertain of your dorm assignment, call the Department of Residence at 319-273-2333. Note: because band members are moving into their permanent dorm rooms at the beginning of camp, we cannot provide dorm accommodations for off-campus marching band members.

For your Early Move-In: There is NO HOUSING COST to students who are living in the dorms during Band Camp beginning with your report date (see above). If you plan to move in on your check-in date, UNI Bands will arrange for your early move-in. As long as you [registered for the PMB on our website](#) you do not need to do anything else regarding your early move-in.

IF YOU WISH TO MOVE IN BEFORE YOUR REPORT DATE

In the past, some students who have a lengthy drive to campus have asked to move in the day before their assigned move in date. There is a fee to move in one day early. The band staff is not involved in these arrangements. To set this up, please complete the individual early arrival form [here](#) (in the Move-in Day/Fall pulldown section, under the section "Individual Early Arrival").

MEALS DURING BAND CAMP

All students (on and off-campus) will receive meals in the Piazza dining center during the preseason camp. These meals are provided at no cost to the student. **Winds and Brass** will receive meals starting with dinner on August 18. **Drumline and Guard** will receive meals starting with dinner on August 16. At the end of camp, dorm residents should refer to mailings from the residence hall staff concerning future meals and when your meal plan takes effect.

Monday 8/18 Lunch: Lunch for **Winds and Brass** is not provided on Monday, August 18. Often, students will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant with their family members, because lunch is immediately after move-in. However, some parents and family members cannot stay through lunch. For this reason, all new students are invited to eat lunch with veteran PMB members. At 11:00am, new students may meet in the lobby of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center for “Lunch with the PMB”. Members of our co-ed band service sorority, Tau Beta Sigma, will join new members for lunch at a nearby restaurant. This lunch is not included, so please bring cash. This event is optional.

Transfer Student Meeting and Lunch: Transfer students are asked to come to a brief meeting and lunch (provided by UNI Bands) on Monday, August 18 at 11:00 am in PAC 30. The meeting and lunch will be a fun introduction to our band and will give transfer students an opportunity to meet and connect with current PMB students that are their same year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE COLORGUARD

Colorguard members should report to the Lobby of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center for registration at 10:00am on Saturday, August 16 (a schedule appears below). Meals for colorguard will be provided during camp starting with dinner on Saturday, August 16. The complete colorguard schedule for Saturday, August 16:

10:00am-10:30am	Check in, Gallagher Bluedorn Lobby
10:30am-1:45pm	Move into Residence Halls and lunch on your own
2:00pm-5:15pm	Guard Rehearsal (<i>Location TBA</i>) – NEW MEMBERS
4:45pm-5:15pm	Returning Members Report to Location TBA
5:15pm-6:15pm	Dinner (<i>provided, on campus</i>)
6:15pm-9:00pm	Guard Rehearsal (<i>Location TBA</i>)

A reminder that Colorguard students must audition over the summer to be accepted into the guard. If you have not yet auditioned, please [visit our website](#) for audition information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE DRUMLINE AND FRONTLINE

Drumline/Frontline students should report to the Lobby of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center for registration between 10:30am-11:00am on Saturday, August 16 (a schedule appears below). After lunch, you will be allowed to move your belongings into the residence halls. The drumline begins rehearsals at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 16. Please meet in the GBPAC Davis Hall at this time. Meals for drumline will be provided during camp starting with dinner on Saturday, August 16. The complete drumline schedule for Saturday, August 16 is as follows:

10:00am-10:30am	Check in, Check in, Gallagher Bluedorn Lobby
10:30am-1:45pm	Move into Residence Halls and lunch on your own
2:00pm-5:15pm	Rehearsal (<i>GBPAC Davis</i>)
5:15pm-6:15pm	Dinner (<i>provided, on campus</i>)
6:15pm-9:00pm	Rehearsal (<i>GBPAC Davis</i>)

Drumline (including frontline/pit) students must audition for a position on the line over the summer; preference is given to auditions received prior to July 15, 2025. If you have not yet auditioned, please [visit our website](#) for audition information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WINDS AND BRASS

On Monday, August 18, new members will register between 8:00-10:00 a.m., and veteran members will register between 10:00 -11:30 a.m. – both at the lobby of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. You will register for marching band, be issued music, T-shirt, shorts, baseball hat, and instrument if you requested one (see additional information under Instruments below).

After you have completed your registration, new members are free to move into residence halls until 12:30 p.m., and vets are free until 3:00 p.m. At 12:30 p.m. new members will have a short meeting in the Dome, followed by our first marching rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. (also in the Dome). At 3:00 p.m., vets will meet in the GBPAC Great Hall. Please refer to the following schedule for Monday, August 18:

WINDS SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 18:

New Winds

8:00 am-10:00 am	New Wind Players Registration [GBPAC lobby]
8:15am-12:30pm	Move-in to residence halls (<i>lunch on your own during this time</i>)
11:00am-12:30pm	Transfer Student Meeting and Lunch (<i>Provided, PAC 30</i>)
11:00am-12:30 pm	Optional: New Winds meet in GBPAC lobby for lunch with Veteran PMB members (<i>Please bring cash for local fast food</i>)
12:30pm-1:00 pm	New Member Orientation Meeting [UNI-Dome]
1:00pm-2:30 pm	New Member Winds Marching Instruction [UNI-Dome]
2:30pm-3:30 pm	New Member Break
3:30pm-5:15 pm	Music Rehearsal [<i>Winds in GBPAC; Guard in Location TBA; Perc in Davis</i>]
5:15pm-6:30 pm	Dinner at Piazza
6:30pm-9:30 pm	Marching Instruction – all members [UNI-Dome]
9:45 pm	Popsicles! [<i>outside of Art Building across bridge from UNI-Dome</i>]

Returning Winds

10:00am-11:30am	Returning Wind Players Registration [GBPAC lobby]
10:15am-3:30pm	Move-in to residence halls (<i>lunch on your own during this time</i>)
3:00pm-3:30 pm	Veteran Orientation [GBPAC Great Hall]
3:30pm-5:15 pm	Music Rehearsal [<i>Winds in GBPAC; Guard/West Gym; Perc/Davis</i>]
5:15pm-6:30 pm	Dinner at Piazza
6:30pm-9:30 pm	Marching Instruction – all members [UNI-Dome]
9:45 pm	Popsicles! [<i>outside of Art Building across bridge from UNI-Dome</i>]

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS

TYPICAL BAND CAMP WEEK SCHEDULE

The preseason camp daily schedule will follow an 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. schedule, **except on Monday** when camp starts. Below is a typical schedule, although an exact schedule with some variations to this will be given to you on arrival at camp.

8:15 am-10:15 am	Rehearsal
10:15 am-10:30 am	Break
10:30 am-11:30 am	Rehearsal
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm-2:30 pm	Rehearsal
2:30 pm-3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm-3:45pm	Rehearsal
3:45pm -4:00pm	Break

4:00 pm-5:15pm	Rehearsal
5:30 pm-6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm-9:30 pm	Rehearsal
9:45pm	Planned Social Activity (<i>Optional</i>)

Note: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 will be used for student uniform check out for anyone who did not get their uniform when first arriving on their report date. Please be available Saturday afternoon between 1:00pm-5:00pm to get your uniform at Russell Hall. This date/time is subject to change and you will be notified of any changes.

MUSIC MAJOR ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

Those students who are scheduled to audition for Wind Ensemble/Orchestra/Symphonic Band on Friday, August 22 will be excused at least one hour prior to the audition to prepare. In some cases, you may be granted additional time depending on the schedule. At check in, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you are auditioning so that we are aware you will be leaving rehearsal early.

INSTRUMENTS

If you requested a university instrument (winds/brass only) on the registration form, your instrument will be ready for you on Monday, August 18. You will be asked to sign a form assuming responsibility for this instrument, its care, normal use, and proper return. The instrument rental fee per semester is approximately \$45.00. This price is determined by the School of Music and applies to all instruments and all ensembles. The price may change slightly over the summer depending on School of Music policy changes. This fee will be added to your U-bill. You need to provide your own reeds, ligature, oil, lyre, flip folder, etc.

ITEMS STUDENTS MUST PURCHASE FOR PARTICIPATION IN PMB

There are several items that students must purchase to participate in PMB. Some items you must order over the summer on your own and bring to camp with you in August. These include a lyre and/or a phone holder, marching shoes, and gloves. Other items will be purchased through our website when you register, and include your PMB T-shirt, shorts, and baseball hat, which we will have ready for you when you check in for band camp. Please see the checklist below to make sure you have purchased all required items prior to arrival.

ITEMS YOU MUST PURCHASE INDEPENDENTLY AND BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP

(please also see “Where to Purchase” below)

WINDS

1. FOR 2025: THE PMB IS AGAIN GOING FULLY PAPERLESS FOR MUSIC IN 2025

(except Percussion and Guard). ALL MEMBERS should plan on using a device to read music and must have a lyre that will hold a smartphone or other device.

See these websites for the appropriate product for your instrument:

<https://shop.flipfolderapp.com/collections/all-products>

<https://www.tonalinnovation.com/shop/eflip>

Another brand/product is fine as long as it frees both of your hands to play your instrument. Note that the above products are meant to attach to a typical lyre for your instrument. You will need to have one of those too. If you do not already have one, you can purchase one from any retailer online before you arrive for Band Camp or from West Music when you check in on your arrival day.

2. WHITE MARCHING SHOES

Wind students are expected to provide their own white marching shoes.

Acceptable brands of marching shoes are: Drillmasters, Style Plus, Speedster, Bando, Directors Showcase, or Dinkles. The shoes **MUST** be white (matte finish, **NOT shiny or patent leather**) and have a **WHITE OUTSOLE** (the part that contacts the ground must also be white). See below about where to order. **SNEAKERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

3. WHITE GLOVES

Wind players are expected to provide their own white gloves. We recommend that you have at least two pairs. Any all-white marching glove listed at the websites below is acceptable.

PERCUSSION

(Percussionists do not wear gloves)

1. THREE-RING BINDER

All percussionists should have a three-ring binder of an appropriate size to hold 50 or more pages of music *and* plastic sleeves to contain the music in the binder in order to avoid tearing.

2. WHITE MARCHING SHOES

Percussion students are expected to provide their own white marching shoes.

Acceptable brands of marching shoes are: Drillmasters, Style Plus, Speedster, Bando, Directors Showcase, or Dinkles. The shoes **MUST** be white (matte finish,

NOT shiny or patent leather) and have a WHITE OUTSOLE (the part that contacts the ground must also be white). See below about where to order. **SNEAKERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

COLORGUARD

Members will receive a separate email with vendor links for the items below. All items are needed at the beginning of band camp.

1. 6 FOOT SILVER ALUMINUM FLAG POLE
2. PERFORMANCE SHOES
All guard students will need an ALL black jazz shoe.
3. PERFORMANCE GLOVES
Nude Fingerless Guard Gloves
4. FLAG BAG
5. Black backpack

WHERE TO PURCHASE REQUIRED ITEMS

Any of the following companies would be acceptable vendors for purchase of shoes, gloves, and flip folders:

Band Shoppe	www.bandshoppe.com
Bandmans	www.bandmans.com
American Band	www.americanband.com
Style Plus	www.styleplusband.com

Other companies (e.g. Amazon) might sell marching band products, but beware of counterfeit merchandise.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALL REQUIRED ITEMS IN THEIR POSSESSION BY NO LATER THAN THEIR BAND CAMP REPORT DATE. ORDER EARLY TO ENSURE PRODUCTS SHIP/ARRIVE BY THAT DATE.

ITEMS YOU WILL PURCHASE DURING ONLINE REGISTRATION

During online registration students will pay the band fee appropriate for their year in PMB. Fees are paid with a credit or debit card. Please make sure you have a credit/debit card available when registering. **New for 2025:** there **may be** financial assistance available for students who might need assistance with these fees. Please [contact Dr. Mertz](#) if you would like to investigate this possibility. The band fees are as follows:

New Students (Winds, Brass, and Percussion): \$133.00. Includes PMB shirt, shorts, baseball hat, socks, and band fees. You will pay \$75 to UNI Bands and \$58 to the clothing company. Links to both payments are found on the PMB Registration Form on our website, as well as on the last page of this document after the performance calendar.

New Students (Colorguard): \$175.00. Includes \$75 band fee. You will pay the \$75 band fee using the link in the registration form. Then, you will pay \$100 separately for your warm-up wear (pants and three shirts) and practice silk.

Returning Students (Winds, Brass, and Percussion): \$75.00. Includes all band fees. If your white hat/black shirt is no longer in a condition to wear for performance please purchase a replacement [here](#).

Returning Students (Colorguard): \$75.00. Includes band fee. You will pay the \$75.00 band fee upon registering for the PMB.

Shirt/Shorts/Baseball Hat/Socks or Colorguard warm-up items will be worn at all performances. So that we know your sizes, please make sure you have [completed the online registration](#) before July 31, 2025.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be issued during preseason camp. Please refer to the band handbook given at camp for detailed responsibilities regarding the uniform.

ACCESSORIES

When you arrive for registration, you will have the option to purchase the 2024 PMB Recording as a download (\$15.00). The album is optional.

SOCIAL EVENTS

As you may already know the UNI Band likes to have fun! During preseason camp several social events have been organized for your enjoyment. We encourage you to attend them all! This will help you get to know your fellow band members and build relationships early.

REHEARSAL DRESS CODE

Be sure to bring comfortable clothes for marching. Shoes should be well broken in and comfortable. No sandals, flip-flops, or open toe shoes are allowed. **Students should bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a refillable water bottle for occasional outdoor rehearsals.** Clothing with inappropriate language or suggestive content is prohibited.

REMEMBER

Please check your fall schedule to be sure that you are enrolled in the Panther Marching Band course.

- Freshman/Sophomore course number: MUS ENS 1180-01
- Junior/Senior course number: MUS ENS 3180-01
- Graduate student course number: MUS ENS 5180-01

If you have any questions or need help with registering for the PMB class please [contact Dr. Mertz](#).

WORK STUDY

If you are eligible and have received an award letter for “Work Study”, there may be work opportunities available as a member of the support staff in the School of Music. Contact Tammy Hook in the music office located at 115 Russell Hall; phone 319-273-2024 or tammy.hook@uni.edu.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION/PANTHER WELCOME

All new students will be able to participate in both Panther Marching Band and Panther Welcome. The Panther Marching Band and Panther Welcome have collaborated to create a customized experience that allows students to participate in certain activities of both programs. The PMB Band Camp schedule adjusts a little bit around the Panther Welcome schedule, which will be outlined in your camp schedule on your arrival at camp. Certain Panther Welcome programs offered on Friday will be offered for PMB students on Saturday so that students can attend camp. A complete schedule will be provided for you when you arrive at camp on August 16 (Percussion and Colorguard) or 18 (Winds and Brass).

WORKING ON CAMPUS

Training sessions for students who work on campus (dining halls, etc.) often conflict with band camp rehearsals. Campus employers will hold a separate training session for marching band students that does not conflict with rehearsal. IT IS YOUR

RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT YOUR EMPLOYER TO ARRANGE YOUR TRAINING SESSION. Students are not excused from PMB to attend these training sessions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The band pays the costs associated with room and board for band students during the week of band camp. This is done with the understanding that you will function as a full member of the band during the 2025 season. If you arrive at camp and then decide to not continue with the band, it is possible that you may be charged for your meals and your stay in the residence hall. In addition, it is not possible for us to issue refunds for materials you have purchased (band T-shirt, baseball hat, shorts).

REHEARSALS DURING THE SEMESTER

Once the semester starts, we will follow the Class/Rehearsal Schedule:

Rehearsal Location: UNI Dome (unless otherwise specified)

- Monday 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Friday 3:00pm-4:30pm

Colorguard has these additional meeting times:

- Monday 4:45-6:30pm (Nielsen Field House)
- Wednesday 4:45-6:30pm (Nielsen Field House)

CONTACTS

If your questions were not answered in this newsletter, please contact:

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2025 BAND CAMP AND PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

The most up-to-date version of the PMB Calendar is [here](#). Please mark your calendar with these dates and plan accordingly. Like rehearsals, all performances are required unless otherwise specified. All dates are on Saturdays unless otherwise specified. Game times are subject to change. Additional performance dates may be added as updated

information becomes available, and as such *this calendar is subject to change until the first day of class in the fall semester*. Game times are usually announced over the summer and will be placed on our site as soon as announced.

GO PANTHERS! GET READY FOR AN EXCITING FALL!

NEW MEMBER UNIFORM ITEM PURCHASING INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure to [visit this link](#) for instructions on how to purchase your required uniform items. For assistance or questions, please contact our secretary [Kelsey Williams](#).