Hello and welcome to the Butler University Marching Band. This Lexicon will contain information you will need to make a smooth transition into a collegiate marching band like ours, and some other general information of interest. This serves as our course syllabus and is the product of collaboration between the directors and the band’s leadership.

**BUMB** – Butler University Marching Band, “A great place to play!”

**BUBB** – Butler University Basketball Band

**Accessory Store** – If you need anything (music flip folio, reeds, lyre folio holder, valve oil, etc.) the best bet is to bring them from home, but if you need something during the season contact the Accessory Store Manager, Frank Allen. We have most common items, but for special orders please give Frank some lead-time.

**Band Camp** – Collegiate bands differ in several ways from most HS bands. Besides the “no competitions” for college bands, *(no college band, while respecting the hard work and effort of another college band, does want to out perform any other college band when they share the field! Butler is no different, even though many university bands are bigger than us!)* college bands do not come in for rehearsals that seem to start on the 4th of July. We never call extra rehearsals either! A single 3-day weekend at the start of the season works well for us and this year, with the first game being so late, we will not even be holding those.

**Band Office** – located in room 316 of Atherton Union. The phone number is 317-940-9876. People with keys to this room include:

David McCullough, Director  
Austin DeLaRosa (graduate assistant)  
Sarah Terheide (library)  
Ainsley Paton (summer office assistant)  
Tim Parthun (library)

**Band In-Stands Behavior** – During the game we tend to stay in full uniform, minus the uniform hats, but weather can change this and the drum majors will make the call. We often just wear the bibs and under-uniform shirts and our in-stands hats. We will have water and ice in the stands. If you have friends/family members not in the band, they can sit in the section beside us, but we sit on the visitor’s side in the east stands. Your parents may find it more fun sitting on the west side with the Butler fans and a better ability to hear us. *(See Will Call Tickets below)*

After the half time show we play the team back onto the field and then the third quarter is yours. You must be back in the bandstand with 2 minutes left on the game clock so we can play at the third quarter break.

**Black Band Shoes** – One of only two items you need buy/have to march in our band. We are asking all band members (not guard) to get a pair of all-black non-high-gloss marching shoes. Acceptable brands include Drill Masters and Dinkles, and at Director’s Showcase; “The MTX,” and The “Pinnacle Marching Shoe” Any quick Internet search will get you to these if you don’t have them already from high school marching band.

**BUMBA** – The Butler University Marching Band Alumni Association. Good folks. They even provide a picnic for you at the end of Band Camp and fill in during volunteer-performance football games and basketball games when school is not in session.

**BUMB PO** – Butler University Marching Band Parents Organization, more information can be found on the “Parents and Alumni” page of the band’s web site. Info on tailgating at football games is there too.

**Business School “Get Real Weekend”** - If you’re an incoming freshman business major you need be aware that you will have a conflict with band if you take MG 101 *(CBA Freshman Experience)* in the fall. The class contains a required “out-of-class” event called “The Get Real Weekend.” This important event’s date is tied to which section of MG 101 that you place in your schedule, and all of the fall dates conflict with BU football games. Since we perform for all BU home football games incoming business majors in the band simply register for MG 101 in the Spring Semester. No conflicts and no problem.

**Butler Bowl** – The football stadium
Donald Pike & Janet Pike Off Band Scholarships – There are scholarships in the College of Business and in the College of Education that are prioritized for business and education majors who participate in the marching band. They are the "Pike" scholarships, and CoB & COE band members will want to investigate these awards. The applications for these, and two other band scholarships are on our web site. You will want to investigate all four of these scholarships.

Hinkle Room - The band's storage room in Hinkle Fieldhouse, Room #462. You get there by going up the ramp immediately inside Gate 4 of Hinkle. The Hinkle Room is where you can keep your instruments between rehearsals. We share this space with the cheerleaders and mascots, so we all have to keep it clean and tidy. The uniform room is just across the hall. Due to the renovations to Hinkle Fieldhouse we will not have access to these rooms at the start of the season. Other arrangements are being made for the storage and access to our instruments and uniforms.

Instrument Rental Fee – $20 to use a university instrument for the semester. This money funds instrument repairs. Drumline, Pit, and Guard members pay this fee as well since you are the most expensive portions of the band. You pay this at band registration.

Kappa Kappa Psi & Tau Beta Sigma – These are the national band service fraternity and sorority. We have chapters of both here at Butler. You will hear more about these groups, and what they do to help our entire band program, when you arrive. They are abbreviated KKP and TBΣ and tend to be called “Psi” and “Sigma” so be ready for those nicknames of these terrific organizations. Presidents are Matt Blandford and Kelsey Hurm, respectively.

Moodle – If you have your Butler ID and password, you can log in to the "Members Only" BUMB Moodle site!

1. Copy and paste this Moodle url you’re your favorite browser (Chrome or Firefox preferred)
   https://moodle.butler.edu/course/view.php?id=10706

2. Log in to Moodle using your Butler User ID and password

3. Click "Enroll Me" button to self enroll in the course

4. You’re ready to browse the BUMB Moodle Site!

Rehearsal Locations – The field for band rehearsals is located behind the scoreboard of the softball stadium on the West Campus. Storage PODs for rehearsal equipment are located near the field that can be used to store percussion, tubas and other large instruments. Band students may drive to the rehearsal field or getting there is an easy walk.

In case of inclement weather the band class is also booked into the school’s main rehearsal room, Lilly Hall 112. The call to move inside is made at 3:45pm so we can be ready to start at our regular rehearsal time of 4:30pm.

Section Leader - This is a good place to explain how leadership positions work in our band. The only auditioned leadership position in our band is that of Drum Major, but the Drum Major(s) have people assigned to each section to help them by acting as liaisons between band members and the student and pro staffs of the band. These are the Section Leaders.

Your Section Leader is responsible for contacting all section members with the latest info, making recruiting contacts to prospective members and assisting all members of their section to achieve their highest level of performance. If you have any questions about anything, ask your Section Leader first. If he or she cannot get you what you need, the drum majors or graduate assistant can.

Now this is not like many high school leadership structures. Being a leader in our band is NOT having your name listed someplace and then you sit back and tell other people what to do. Your leaders here will not do that.

Remember, the two paramount laws of leadership are:

_The best way to lead is by example._
_The only person you can truly lead is yourself._

Weekly Rehearsal Schedule – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4:30–6:30. All rehearsals exist unless specifically canceled in the printed season schedule which can be found in the “Forms and Resources” section of our web site.

Will Call Tickets – Every member of the marching band (BUMB) can put four people on the will-call list for games for complementary admission. This list will be at each Wednesday rehearsal or you will have access in some electronic format. Either way the names you submit can change from game to game. For basketball band (BUBB) each member can get two tickets for every home game.
"Under Uni" Shirts – With the exception of the twirlers and the color guard, who wear other uniforms entirely, all those in the band uniforms wear the same shirt under our uniforms for each performance. We will be getting your sizes over the summer so you can pick up these shirts at band registration.

Band Grading - These last items all refer to the band’s grading policy.

Your band grade will impact your GPA if you are registered for ES-119 or ES-319. Those in the ES courses do NOT earn the core PE credit. Only the PWB-140 course meets the core PE requirement, and it is graded pass/fail, but for our purposes we record all grades A,B,C no matter which class you are in. The majority of your grade is based upon attendance.

A missed performance will impact your grade. On occasion, someone might have to miss a performance. In the past few years such reasons include – best man at a friend’s wedding, parents’ 25th wedding anniversary, death in the family, representing Butler at an international-organization meeting in Iceland – in short, the kinds of once in a lifetime opportunities that you should attend rather than perform with us. Such reasons will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Director.

Many members of our band have siblings in competitive bands, or work on staff with local HS bands. As a member of our band you may not miss a performance to go see another band’s performance. When you were in high school band you were asked to prioritize that band’s performances above many other activities in which you were involved, and we ask that you show the same respect to this band as well. You also set a good example for the HS students by doing this.

Grade Correction – You start the season with an A. If you have an approved performance absence your grade is now a “C.” If you miss a performance without approval your grade is now an “F.” If you have an approved rehearsal absence your grade is now a “B.” If you miss a rehearsal without approval your grade is now a “C.” Since you will be missing time that other members are giving to the band, we ask that you simply “pay it back.” For every 2 hours of service to the band, your grade “correction” by one letter. You can find jobs by asking the drum major, the librarian, or anyone on the staff. Only one performance can be corrected as there simply aren’t that many. We want every member to earn A and here is how that can happen.

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<td>Advance approved performance</td>
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<td>tell the director, in writing</td>
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<td>Performance</td>
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* = Neither of these has happened in 20 years, but they are listed here just the same

If you are going to miss a rehearsal or performance, you must inform both your Section Leader and the Director in advance. An absence will not be approved for Friday rehearsals before breaks/holidays.

A note on “Required” Meetings - You can’t have a required meeting that takes you away from our band rehearsals because no course or extra-curricular activity at Butler can force you to miss a regularly scheduled class. That is university policy. If you want to miss class for a meeting then you may do so and repair your grade as outlined above, but you cannot be forced to miss our class.

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus with reasonable advance notice given to the students.

It is the policy and practice of Butler University to make reasonable accommodations for students with properly documented disabilities. Written notification from Student Disability Services is required. If you are eligible to receive an accommodation and would like to request it for this course, please discuss it with me and allow one-week advance notice. Otherwise, it is not guaranteed that the accommodation can be received on a timely basis. Students who have questions about Student Disability Services or who have, or think they may have, a disability (psychiatric, attentional, learning, vision, hearing, physical, medical, etc.) are invited to contact Student Disability Services for a confidential discussion in Jordan Hall 136 or by phone at extension 9308.