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Cat Band 2026 - 2027

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Welcome to the 2026 - 2027 K-State Cat Band! Our mission is to provide quality musical support and an exciting atmosphere to our basketball teams and fans!!!

Conduct and Expectations:
The K-State Cat Band represents not only our athletic department and teams, but the K-State Bands, School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, the University, and the Manhattan community. Therefore, no conduct that could in any way reflect negatively upon these institutions will be tolerated by its members while in uniform, in transit, or in any other official capacity representing Kansas State University. *No use of any drug or alcohol will be tolerated, nor will any unruly or inappropriate behavior. Violation of rules of conduct could result in dismissal from the Cat Band and a failing grade.*

NO CELL PHONE, TABLET, OR SMART WATCH USE DURING THE GAMES (Pre-game and Halftime are acceptable).

Enrolling for Cat Band:
Please enroll for either MUSIC 114A, MUSIC 416A, or MUSIC 847A for either zero or one credit as part of your Spring 2026 course schedule. You must be enrolled in the course to be considered for post-season travel. **ALL CAT BAND MEMBERS, CLASSY CATS, AND CHEER MUST BE ENROLLED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2027.**

Attendance/Grading:
Attendance will be taken at all performances. Attendance will weigh heavily upon individual semester grades and selection for post-season travel squads. Two unexcused tardies or one unexcused absence will drop your grade one letter. In addition, unexcused absences could be grounds for dismissal from the ensemble. If there is a LEGITIMATE reason for you to be absent or late to an event, you must complete an electronic Pink Sheet in ADVANCE. If the absence is the result of an illness which makes it impossible for you to complete an electronic Pink Sheet, please email Dr. Wimmer (arparrish@ksu.edu) then submit an electronic Pink Sheet (Google Form) using this link: https://forms.gle/P4RPgjFfsiiZJDyK6

If you are absent from a scheduled event, you must **ALSO** arrange for a member of the other Cat Band who is of equal part to play for you and indicate **their name** on your Pink Sheet. For example, if you play second banjo in the Purple Band you must find a substitute who plays second banjo in the Silver Band to cover for you.

Please note that any performance that your band is not assigned, you are still welcome to join us and perform, if there is room, and you are wearing the proper uniform. If you are coming to an unassigned game, please do not be late.

Attendance at rehearsals, assigned regular season games, post-season turn-in, and other rehearsals are mandatory for students wishing to perform and travel with the Cat Band.

Grading: 70 % Regular Season Attendance
20 % Rehearsal Attendance
10 % Performance/Game Conduct Quality (setup, tear-down, performance area etiquette)

Instrument Rental:
Everyone in Cat Band will need to rent a silver instrument (except Clarinet, Electric Bass, and Drumset). The instrument rental fee is $50.00 for the spring semester. **This is due to Josh Cook (TFBH) by Friday, January 22, 2027**. Please email Dr. Parrish if you need to rent an instrument.

Uniform:
The uniform for the Cat Band members is the provided 2026 - 2027 Nike Cat Band Polo, white undershirt (if you choose to wear an undershirt), black dress pants (no jeans, tights, yoga pants, joggers, etc.) with a black belt, solid black socks (long, no skin should be visible), and solid black, closed toed dress shoes. All elements of the uniform must be clean and unwrinkled. No variations or additions to this uniform will be accepted. We pride ourselves in a clean and classy look, as well as upholding integrity for the ensemble and its members. Uniforms must be washed after every use, look good and sound good.

Music:
Music for the Cat Band is in individual folders stored in a container in the pep band cabinet in the Bramlage Coliseum Tunnel. Each selection in the folder is assigned a number. You may check a folder out for individual practice, but it must be returned to the music box prior to the next scheduled home game.

You must keep your music in order, so time is not wasted in pulling up individual tunes to play. Each member will be responsible for getting their folder from the music box when they arrive and putting it away before they leave. Any new music added throughout the course of the season will be assigned a new filing number. MUSIC MUST BE IN PERFECT ORDER AT THE END OF EACH USE.

Cat Band music can also be accessed via the "OneDrive" for personal practice. These credentials will be shared via email.

Parking and Entrance to Bramlage Coliseum:
Cat Band members should park in the Stone House parking lot, which is accessed off College Avenue, through the driveway just south of the baseball stadium. Carpooling is encouraged. Band members and Classy Cats should enter Bramlage Coliseum through the Southwest Concourse (pass gate) entrance. You must bring a picture ID with you.

ALL Cat Band members must abide by KSU Athletic Security Policies and follow metal detector procedures. You must arrive early for call-times to accommodate for these mandatory procedures.
https://www.kstatesports.com/sports/2016/2/18/_131476203334660759.aspx

Call-Time and Seating:
Call time for Cat Band members is one-hour prior to the scheduled tipoff. You must be early for call! Tardiness will be noted and counted against your grade and tournament selection. Conflicts must be addressed through Electronic Pink Sheets. The time before the game will be used for setup, warm-up, and tuning. The Cat Band will be seated in Section 22-23, Rows 1-10.

Equipment, Storage, and Water:
All Cat Band members will arrive to Bramlage dressed in their 2025-2026 Cat Band Uniform, instrument inside your case, and their KSUMB Issued Water Bottle (filled with water). Aside from rhythm section equipment and sousaphones, no equipment or storage access within Bramlage will be available. Members are welcome to purchase their own clear bag to carry their belongings if they wish. Additionally, members may bring a sealed, un-frozen water bottle into games as well. A water jug will be provided to refill your water bottle.

Travel:
Travel squads are limited based on Big XII and NCAA tournament regulations. Therefore, not everyone in the Cat Band will be able to participate in post-season travel, although every attempt will be made to allow for equitable participation. Travel eligibility will be based on talent, seniority, attendance, and instrumentation. *You must be registered for the class to be eligible for travel.*

Break Games:
Students living within a 2.5-hour radius of campus are encouraged to sign-up for at least five break games. This will assure that our games played during break will be covered by a band of full instrumentation. *Break Games will heavily influence KU Band attendance and tournament travel eligibility.* Break Band games do not count towards regular season attendance, you cannot play Break Band games to make up for absences at regular season games.

UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS

1. Statement Regarding Academic Honesty

Kansas State University has an Honor and Integrity System based on personal integrity, which is presumed to be sufficient assurance that, in academic matters, one's work is performed honestly and without unauthorized assistance. Undergraduate and graduate students, by registration, acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Honor and Integrity System. The policies and procedures of the Honor and Integrity System apply to all full and part-time students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate courses on-campus, off-campus, and via distance learning. A component vital to the Honor and Integrity System is the inclusion of the Honor Pledge which applies to all assignments, examinations, or other course work undertaken by students. The Honor Pledge is implied, whether or not it is stated: "On my honor, as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work." A grade of XF can result from a breach of academic honesty. The F indicates failure in the course; the X indicates the reason is an Honor Pledge violation.

2. Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities

At K-State it is important that every student has access to course content and the means to demonstrate course mastery. Students with disabilities may benefit from services including accommodations provided by the Student Access Center. Disabilities can include physical, learning, executive functions, and mental health. You may register at the Student Access Center or to learn more contact:

Manhattan/Olathe/K-State Online – Student Access Center
accesscenter@k-state.edu
785-532-6441

K-State Salina Campus – Julie Rowe; Student Success Coordinator
jarowe@k-state.edu
785-820-7908

Students already registered with the Student Access Center please request your Letters of Accommodation early in the semester to provide adequate time to arrange your approved academic accommodations. Once SAC approves your Letter of Accommodation it will be e-mailed to you, and your instructor(s) for this course. Please follow up with your instructor to discuss how best to implement the approved accommodations.

3. Statement Defining Expectations for Classroom Conduct

All student activities in the University, including this course, are governed by the Student Judicial Conduct Code as outlined in the Student Governing Association By Laws, Article V, Section 3, number 2. Students who engage in behavior that disrupts the learning environment may be asked to leave the class.

4. Statement on Mutual Respect and Inclusion in K-State Teaching and Learning Spaces

At K-State, faculty and staff are committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and supportive learning environment for students from diverse backgrounds and perspectives. K-State courses, labs, and other virtual and physical learning spaces promote equitable opportunity to learn, participate, contribute, and succeed, regardless of age, race, color, ethnicity, nationality, genetic information, ancestry, disability, socioeconomic status, military or veteran status, immigration status, Indigenous identity, gender identity, gender expression, sexuality, religion, culture, as well as other social identities.

Faculty and staff are committed to promoting equity and believe the success of an inclusive learning environment relies on the participation, support, and understanding of all students. Students are encouraged to share their views and lived experiences as they relate to the course or their course experience, while recognizing they are doing so in a learning environment in which all are expected to engage with respect to honor the rights, safety, and dignity of others in keeping with the K-State Principles of Community.

If you feel uncomfortable because of comments or behavior encountered in this class, you may bring it to the attention of your instructor, advisors, and/or mentors. If you have questions about how to proceed with a confidential process to resolve concerns, please contact the Student Ombudsperson Office. Violations of the student code of conduct can be reported using the Code of Conduct Reporting Form. You can also report discrimination, harassment or sexual harassment, if needed.

5. Statement Regarding Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment

Kansas State University is committed to maintaining academic, housing, and work environments that are free of discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment. Instructors support the University's commitment by creating a safe learning environment during this course, free of conduct that would interfere with your academic opportunities. Instructors also have a duty to report any behavior they become aware of that potentially violates the University's policy prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment, as outlined by PPM 3010.

If a student is subjected to discrimination, harassment, or sexual harassment, they are encouraged to make a non-confidential report to the University's Office for Institutional Equity (OIE) using the online reporting form. Incident disclosure is not required to receive resources at K-State. Reports that include domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, should be considered for reporting by the complainant to the Kansas State University Police Department or the Riley County Police Department. Reports made to law enforcement are separate from reports made to OIE. A complainant can choose to report to one or both entities. Confidential support and advocacy can be found with the K-State Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE). Confidential mental health services can be found with Lafene Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Academic support can be found with the Office of Student Support and Accountability (OSSA). OSSA is a non-confidential resource. OIE also provides a comprehensive list of resources on their website. If you have questions about non-confidential and confidential resources, please contact OIE at equity@ksu.edu or (785) 532–6220.

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1. Statement for Copyright Notification

Copyright 2025 (Alex Wimmer) as to this syllabus and all lectures. During this course students are prohibited from selling notes to or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the express written permission of the professor teaching this course. In addition, students in this class are not authorized to provide class notes or other class-related materials to any other person or entity, other than sharing them directly with another student taking the class for purposes of studying, without prior written permission from the professor teaching this course.

2. Academic Freedom Statement

Kansas State University is a community of students, faculty, and staff who work together to discover new knowledge, create new ideas, and share the results of their scholarly inquiry with the wider public. Although new ideas or research results may be controversial or challenge established views, the health and growth of any society requires frank intellectual exchange. Academic freedom protects this type of free exchange and is thus essential to any university's mission.

Moreover, academic freedom supports collaborative work in the pursuit of truth and the dissemination of knowledge in an environment of inquiry, respectful debate, and professionalism. Academic freedom is not limited to the classroom or to scientific and scholarly research, but extends to the life of the university as well as to larger social and political questions. It is the right and responsibility of the university community to engage with such issues.

3. Weapons Policy Statement

The language in the following statement should not be altered if faculty choose to use it. However, the sentence in the second to last paragraph may be omitted if it is not applicable to a particular course, and if applicable, specific example activities can be inserted into the sentence where shown.

Kansas State University prohibits the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons on any University campus, with certain limited exceptions, including the lawful concealed carrying of handguns, as provided in the University Weapons Policy.

You are encouraged to take the online weapons policy education module to ensure you understand the requirements of the policy, including the requirements related to concealed carrying of handguns on campus. Students possessing a concealed handgun on campus must be lawfully eligible to carry and either at least 21 years of age or a licensed individual who is 18-21 years of age. All carrying requirements of the policy must be observed in this class, including but not limited to the requirement that a concealed handgun be completely hidden from view, securely held in a holster that meets the specifications of the policy, carried without a chambered round of ammunition, and that any external safety be in the “on” position.

If an individual carries a concealed handgun in a personal carrier such as a backpack, purse, or handbag, the carrier must remain within the individual’s exclusive and uninterrupted control. This includes wearing the carrier with a strap, carrying or holding the carrier, or setting the carrier next to or within the immediate reach of the individual.

During this course, you will be required to engage in activities, such as (INSERT YOUR EXAMPLE), that may require you to separate from your belongings, and thus you should plan accordingly.

Each individual who lawfully possesses a handgun on campus shall be wholly and solely responsible for carrying, storing and using that handgun in a safe manner and in accordance with the law, Board policy and University policy. All reports of suspected violation of the weapons policy are made to the University Police Department by picking up any Emergency Campus Phone or by calling 785-532-6412.

4. Campus Safety Statement

Kansas State University is committed to providing a safe teaching and learning environment for student and faculty members. In order to enhance your safety in the unlikely case of a campus emergency make sure that you know where and how to quickly exit your classroom and how to follow any emergency directives. Current Campus Emergency Information is available at the University’s Advisory webpage.

5. Safe Zone Statement

I am part of the SafeZone community network of trained K-State faculty/staff/students who are available to listen and support you. As a SafeZone Ally, I can help you connect with resources on campus to address problems you face that interfere with your academic success, particularly issues of sexual violence, hateful acts, or concerns faced by individuals due to sexual orientation/gender identity. My goal is to help you be successful and to maintain a safe and equitable campus.

6. Student Resources Statement

K-State has many resources to help contribute to student success. These resources include accommodations for academics, paying for college, student life, health and safety, and others. Check out the Student Guide to Help and Resources: One Stop Shop for more information.

7. Student Academic Creations

Student academic creations are subject to Kansas State University and Kansas Board of Regents Intellectual Property Policies. For courses in which students will be creating intellectual property, the K-State policy can be found at University Handbook, Appendix R: Intellectual Property Policy and Institutional Procedures (part I.E.) . These policies address ownership and use of student academic creations.

8. Statement on Mental Health

Your mental health and good relationships are vital to your overall well-being. Symptoms of mental health issues may include excessive sadness or worry, thoughts of death or self-harm, inability to concentrate, lack of motivation, or substance abuse. Although problems can occur anytime for anyone, you should pay extra attention to your mental health if you are feeling academic or financial stress, discrimination, or have experienced a traumatic event, such as loss of a friend or family member, sexual assault or other physical or emotional abuse.

If you are struggling with these issues, do not wait to seek assistance.

Language for Kansas State Manhattan Campus:

Kansas State University Counseling and Psychological Services offers free and confidential services to assist you to meet these challenges.

Lafene Health Center has specialized nurse practitioners to assist with mental health.

The Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs can direct you to additional resources.

K-State Family Center offers individual, couple, and family counseling services on a sliding fee scale.

Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE) provides free and confidential assistance for those in our K-State community who have been victimized by violence.

Language for Kansas State Salina Campus:

The Kansas State Salina Counseling Services offers free and confidential services to assist you to meet these challenges.

The Kansas State Salina Office of Student Life can direct you to additional resources.

The Kansas State Salina Campus offers several services for students, including health services, counseling, and academic assistance.

Language for K-State Online students:

K-State Online students have free access to mental health counseling with My SSP - 24/7 support via chat and phone.

The Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs can direct you to additional resources.

9. University Excused Absences

K-State has a University Excused Absence policy (Section F62). Class absence(s) will be handled between the instructor and the student unless there are other university offices involved. For university excused absences, instructors shall provide the student the opportunity to make up missed assignments, activities, and/or attendance specific points that contribute to the course grade, unless they decide to excuse those missed assignments from the student's course grade. Please see the policy for a complete list of university excused absences and how to obtain one. Students are encouraged to contact their instructor regarding their absences.