

MUSIC 114/MUSIC 416 (12131/12210)
Basketball Cat Band
Fall-Spring 2018-2019

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 K-State Basketball Cat Band! Our mission is to provide the most exciting atmosphere and quality music in support of our 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 behavior. Violation of rules of conduct could result in dismissal from the Cat Band and a failing grade.

Enrolling for Cat Band:

Please enroll for either MUSIC 114 or MUSIC 416 for either zero or one credit as part of your Spring 2019 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 JANUARY 25, 2019.**

Attendance/Grading:

Attendance will be taken at all performances. Attendance will weigh heavily upon individual semester grades and selection for post-season travel squads. 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 and return a pink absence form to Dr. Wimmer in ADVANCE. If the absence is the result of an illness which makes it impossible for you to come in to 226 McCain, I would ask that you contact me by email (amwimmer@ksu.edu) or leave a message on my office phone (532-3819) and then submit a Pink Sheet (Google Form) using this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/pLSB4dAidkEzPV2P2>

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 and ability to play for you and indicate **their name** on your Pink Sheet. For example, if you play second trombone in the Purple Band you must find a substitute who plays second trombone in the Silver Band to cover for you.

Attendance at the assigned games, Mini-Camps, Post-Season Meetings, and other Rehearsals is mandatory for students wishing to perform and travel with the Cat Band.

Grading: 40 % Attendance (Including break game participation)
20 % Performance Quality
20 % Mini Camp/Post Season Meetings
10 % Set Up/Take Down Assistance
10 % In Game, Pre-Game, Post-Game Active Participation

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

Uniform:

The uniform for the Cat Band members is the Nike Cat Band Polo that is provided to you, along with black slacks (no jeans, yoga pants, or tights), solid black socks, and solid black dress shoes (no stripes, other colors, or visible brand marks). Only white undershirts will be accepted. 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.

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 or to the Band Office (226 McCain) 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.**

Parking and Entrance to Bramlage Coliseum:

Cat Band members should park in the Stone House parking lot, which is accessed off of 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 (https://www.kstatesports.com/sports/2016/2/18/_131476203334660759.aspx) and follow metal detector procedures. You must arrive early for call-times to accommodate for these mandatory procedures.*

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. Conflicts must be addressed through yellow/pink sheets. The time before the game will be used for setup, warm up, tuning, and introduction of new music. The Cat Band will be seated on the floor and the first six rows in the stands next to the south side tunnel.

Equipment and Storage:

Music and equipment are stored in the Cat Band equipment cabinet in the tunnel at Bramlage Coliseum. Drummers and bass players are responsible for setting up and tearing down their own equipment (although extra help is encouraged). Equipment must be exceptionally cared for. This includes anyone handling percussion equipment, crates, folders, or any Cat Band related equipment.

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.* Subs are not allowed to participate in tournament travel.

Break Games:

It is required that all students (within a 2.5-hour radius) in Cat Band 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 NCAA Travel eligibility.*

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. The Honor and Integrity System website can be reached via the following URL: www.k-state.edu/honor. 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.

Statement Regarding [Students with Disabilities](#)

Students with disabilities who need classroom accommodations, access to technology, or information about emergency building/campus evacuation processes should contact the Student Access Center and/or their instructor. Services are available to students with a wide range of disabilities including, but not limited to, physical disabilities, medical conditions, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, depression, and anxiety. If you are a student enrolled in campus/online courses through the Manhattan or Olathe campuses, contact the Student Access Center at accesscenter@k-state.edu, 785-532-6441; for K-State Polytechnic campus, contact Academic and Student Services at polytechnicadvising@ksu.edu or call 785-826-2974.

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.