

## MUSIC 114A/MUSIC 416A (11678/11751)

### Cat Band (Pep Band)

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 K-State Basketball Cat Band! Our mission is to provide quality musical support and an exciting atmosphere to 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 114A or MUSIC 416A for either zero or one credit as part of your Spring 2022 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 21, 2022.**

#### 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 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 ([amwimmer@ksu.edu](mailto:amwimmer@ksu.edu)) and then submit an electronic Pink Sheet (Google Form) using this link: <https://forms.gle/jcmyL8V2aCfFFKXn7>

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/ability 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.

*If you are feeling sick the day of a game or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, do not come to your assigned game, email Dr. Wimmer, and please secure a sub. For more information about COVID-19, please visit the K-State COVID-19 website (<https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/communities/>).*

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.

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

Grading: 40 % Regular Season Attendance  
20 % Mini Camp/Zoom Meeting Attendance  
20 % Performance/Game Conduct Quality  
10 % Area Maintenance (setup, tear-down, organization/cleanliness of performance area)

#### Instrument Rental:

Everyone in Cat Band will need to rent a silver instrument (except Clarinet, Electric Bass, and Drumset). The instrument rental fee is \$35.00 for the spring semester. **This is due to Courtney Grecu (McCain 226) by Friday, January 21, 2022.** Please email Dr. Wimmer if you need to rent an instrument.

**Uniform:**

The uniform for the Cat Band members is the provided 2021-2022 Nike Cat Band Polo, KSUMB issued facemask and bell cover, white undershirt (if you choose to wear an undershirt), black dress pants (no jeans, yoga pants, or tights), solid black socks (long), 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, issued bell covers, and masks must be washed after every use.

**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.**

Cat Band music can also be accessed via the “Login-Pride of Wildcatland Members” page on the K-State Band Website for personal practice (<https://www.k-state.edu/band/login/>).

**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](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 Electronic 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 ten rows in the stands next to the south side tunnel.

**Equipment, Storage, and Water:**

All Cat Band members will arrive to Bramlage with their KSUMB issued mask, dressed in their 2021-2022 Cat Band Uniform, instrument assembled (with KSUMB issued bell cover), 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. Subs are not allowed to participate in tournament travel.

**Break Games:**

Students living within a 2-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 (if any is allowed during the 2022 season).

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS

### Conceal Carry Policy

In this class, students will be asked on a regular basis to participate in activities, such as engaging in group work, using the board, or performing in small and large ensembles. These activities may require students to either be separated from their bags or be prepared to keep their bags with them at all times during such activities. Therefore, no concealed weapons will be allowed in athletic or concert ensemble rehearsals and/or performances. Students are encouraged to take the online weapons policy education module (<http://www.k-state.edu/police/weapons/index.html>) to ensure they understand the requirements related to concealed carry. This includes all travel, athletic events, concert performances, sectionals, and all rehearsals indoor and outdoor.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:accesscenter@k-state.edu), 785-532-6441; for K-State Polytechnic campus, contact Julie Rowe, Diversity, Inclusion and Access Coordinator, at [jarowe@ksu.edu](mailto:jarowe@ksu.edu) or call 785-826-2971.

### 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.

### Statement Regarding Wearing of Face Coverings

To protect the health and safety of the K-State community, students, faculty, staff and visitors must wear face coverings over their mouths and noses while on K-State campuses in all hallways, public spaces, classrooms and other common areas of campus buildings, and when in offices or other work spaces or outdoor settings when 6-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. In addition, all students, faculty, and staff are required to take the [COVID-19 and Face Mask Safety training](#). Employees who need reasonable accommodations and assistance related to required face coverings may contact the ADA coordinator at [charlott@k-state.edu](mailto:charlott@k-state.edu), and students needing accommodations may contact the Student Access Center at [accesscenter@k-state.edu](mailto:accesscenter@k-state.edu).

In classrooms, faculty have the right to deny a student entry into the room if the student is not wearing a face covering. Students not wearing a face covering will be reminded to do so and offered a clean face covering, if one is available. If the student does not comply, the faculty member will ask the student to leave the space, and if available, join the class remotely. As a last resort, campus police will be called. The faculty members will complete the [Code of Conduct form](#) and the Office of Student Life will look further into the issue and take the non-compliance with the request to leave into consideration of further accountability measures. At no point should the professor or other students put themselves into an unsafe situation while attempting to enforce the face-covering policy. Manhattan campus police: 785-532-6412

### 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. To view additional campus emergency information go to the University's main page, [www.k-state.edu](http://www.k-state.edu), and click on the Emergency Information button, located at the bottom of the page.

### 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.

- Kansas State University Counseling Services ([k-state.edu/counseling/](http://k-state.edu/counseling/)) offers free and confidential services to assist you to meet these challenges.
- Lafene Health Center (<https://www.k-state.edu/lafene>) has specialized nurse practitioners to assist with mental health.
- The Office of Student Life ([k-state.edu/studentlife](http://k-state.edu/studentlife)) can direct you to additional resources.
- K-State Family Center offers individual, couple, and family counseling services on a sliding fee scale (<https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/familycenter/>).

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 (<https://www.k-state.edu/care/>)