

MUSIC 114A-11287 | MUSIC 416A-11353 | MUSIC 847A-14769
Cat Band 2024-2025

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 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 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 2025 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 24, 2025.**

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 (amwimmer@ksu.edu) and Dr. Deininger (deininger@ksu.edu), then submit an electronic Pink Sheet (Google Form) using this link: <https://forms.gle/Xnq9gb12Q1o1iusC7>

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 Courtney (TFBH) by Friday, January 24, 2025.** Please email Dr. Wimmer or Dr. Deininger if you need to rent an instrument.

Uniform:

The uniform for the Cat Band members is the provided 2024-2025 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 (ladies do not have to wear a 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 “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 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 2024-2025 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/Global Campus – 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.

6. 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.