



## FALL 2017 SYLLABUS / ATTENDANCE AND GRADING POLICY

Semester grades are based entirely upon engagement and class participation. Full participation from each individual at EVERY rehearsal and performance is crucial to the success of the group. Emergencies do arise and the grading policy allows for unforeseen occurrences. Funerals, family emergencies, illness and other emergencies are accounted for on an individual basis. Work conflicts, travel arrangements, outside class activities and scheduled medical appointments are NOT excusable.

All students begin the semester with ZERO points (grade of A). As tardies and absences accumulate they are converted into points and then are added up and given a letter grade. The following chart explains the point system regarding tardies, absences, emergencies, and make-ups. ***Failure to meet minimum passing standards in band (C- or better) will make you ineligible for the Marching Band stipend.***

• Absence	-3 points
• Tardy <sup>1</sup>	-1 point
• Leaving Rehearsal Early	-1 point
• Missing Instrument	-1 point
• No Music	-1 point
• No Gloves (or other missing uni part)	-3 points
• Inappropriate Rehearsal Behavior	-1 to -3 points
• Excused Absence <sup>2</sup>	-2 points
• Excused Missed Performance <sup>3</sup>	-6 points
• Unexcused Missed Performance	-14 points
• Emergency Missed Performance <sup>4</sup>	-0 points
• Wind Symphony/Orchestra Concert <sup>5</sup>	+3 points <sup>5</sup>
• Volunteer Office Work	(points vary based on time/task) <sup>6</sup>
• Volunteer Equipment Work	(points vary based on time/task) <sup>6</sup>
• Volunteer Gig or Event	(points vary based on time/event) <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A student is considered tardy if they are not prepared to rehearse or perform when the director begins the rehearsal.

<sup>2</sup> An excused absence is any absence from a rehearsal that was approved by the director prior to the rehearsal.

<sup>3</sup> An excused missed performance must be approved by the director prior to the Last Day to Drop.

<sup>4</sup> This must be a serious and verifiable event. The student must notify the director immediately following the date in question and must bring documentation if possible.

<sup>5</sup> Not available for Wind Symphony/Orchestra members. Once per semester for members of other ensembles.

<sup>6</sup> Students may raise their grade a maximum of 3 places (e.g. from a C+ to a B+) *but no further than an A-*.

### GRADES

A = 0 to -3 points	A- = -4 to -6 points	B+ = -7 points
B = -8 points	B- = -9 points	C+ = -10 points
C = -11 points	C- = -12 points	D+ = -13 points
D = -14 points	D- = -15 points	F = -16 or more

Attendance is taken at the beginning of the rehearsal. Anyone not in his or her seat or spot in the attendance block is marked as ABSENT. Anyone in his or her seat or attendance block but not ready to go is marked as Tardy. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Band Manager that you in fact were present. The grade will then change from -3 (Absence) to -1 (Tardy). If you fail to let the director know at the end of the rehearsal of this change then your grade will remain an Absent (-3).

### STUDENT OUTCOMES:

Students will be able to read, rehearse, and perform music literature and pageantry content appropriate for their ability level and ensemble instrumentation. Students will be able to perform in public an amount of music that is commensurate with their performance ability and the level of their musical development. Students will demonstrate an increase in focus, concentration, and self-discipline through physical and mental readiness.

The SDSU Bands policy on alcohol and drugs is consistent with the University and State guidelines; additionally, no substances are to be consumed while in uniform, or in the 8 hours prior to a rehearsal or performance. Period. Anyone found under the influence is subject to lifetime dismissal from all University Bands and possible expulsion from the University.

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact Student Disability Services at (619) 594-6473. To avoid any delay in the receipt of your accommodations, you should contact Student Disability Services as soon as possible. Please note that accommodations are not retroactive, and that accommodations based upon disability cannot be provided until you have presented your instructor with an accommodation letter from Student Disability Services.