



HOT

HERD OF THUNDER
MARCHING BAND

2015 Handbook and Syllabus

University Marching Band

MUN1110, Sec 001 (CRN: 81049)

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Percussion Section Leaders

Erik Chmura – Snare

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Uniform accessories:	TBA
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Special events:	Band Captains
Performance help:	Section Leader, Drum Majors
Leadership concerns:	Section Leader – Band Captain– GA – Dr. McCutchen

Mission Statement

The USF Herd of Thunder Athletic Bands aim to provide quality entertainment to a wide variety of audiences, support our athletic teams with pride, perpetual spirit, and integrity, and create a musically enriching and enjoyable experience for every member. Current and alumni members of the band are invested in creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming environment where the contributions of all are valued and appreciated. We consistently strive for the highest degree of performance while representing the University of South Florida with class, dignity, and enthusiasm.

Membership

Membership in the USF Herd of Thunder Marching Band is open to college-degree-seeking students who are enrolled in courses at any of the University of South Florida's branch campuses, the University of Tampa, or any of the area community, two, or four year colleges. It is not allowable to take marching band as one's only class in any given semester. There is a 5-year limit for marching in the Herd of Thunder.

NDS students must submit a copy of their class schedule to Dr. McCutchen or Mr. Bombaugh.

Membership Selection Process

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Color Guard, Percussion, Drum Majors, and Feature Twirlers: Must participate in the Spring/Summer audition process. The instructors of these groups will post audition information on the HOT website by March.

Returning Winds – Same instrument: Any member returning to the band on the same instrument will be automatically granted membership unless there is a compelling reason for that not to be true. (The Director reserves the right to notify any returning member that they are not “automatically granted” a position if deemed necessary.)

Returning Winds – Changing Instruments: Any member returning to the band who wishes to perform on a new instrument must: A) notify the director by July 1st, B) be prepared to audition for the director by August 1st. If the member does not pass the audition, they are invited to return to their original instrument and will be automatically granted membership, or they may go through band camp as a new marcher on their new instrument. If the member passes the pre-audition, they will be automatically granted membership on the new instrument.

New Winds - All new marchers will enter into the Membership Selection Process as outlined on the next page. The audition is comprised of both playing and marching elements.

Definition of Returning Member: Any USF (or properly registered USF NDS) student who completed a full season of USF Marching Band with a final grade of “B” or higher.

AUDITION PROCESS – (Brass/Woodwinds)

In order to maintain the highest possible musical and marching standards, all new members will go through a brief, but rigorous, audition process. Returning members in good standing are exempt. Membership selection will be determined through group and individual performance situations during the first two days of Band Camp. Some students who are not selected as permanent members will be offered alternate status, which will be used to fill holes as the season progresses. These students will come to every rehearsal and performance with the possible exception of the bowl game.

Students will be evaluated in the following areas:

- **Musical Performance:** *Pre-Game, Show #1 selections (music available in June)*
- **Visual Performance:** *Students must be able to mark time while playing*
- **Learning Ability:** *How quickly new musical and visual concepts are mastered.*

All students will participate in every music and visual rehearsal through the Monday evening at band camp (some shadowing or spot-swapping will occur in visual rehearsals). Students will be required to perform musical selections and march individually for staff members as part of the selection process. **STAFF WILL MAKE ALL MEMBERSHIP SELECTION DECISIONS. NO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WILL BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH MEMBERSHIP SELECTION DECISIONS.**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTED MEMBERS

The Director will notify students who are not selected for membership or who are selected as alternates via email by 9:00 am on the Tuesday of Band Camp. Any students who are not selected must drop the class by Monday, August 26. It will be the responsibility of all members who are selected to register for the course through OASIS before the add/drop deadline.

CAMP REGISTRATION PAYMENT & REFUND

All students registering for Band Camp will pay a fee to the Band Fraternity *Kappa Kappa Psi* that covers uniform cleaning, banquet, and administrative expenses. In addition students are required to purchase items such as t-shirt, hat, flip folder, lyre, banquet ticket, etc. as needed. Please see “Expenses” on page 14 for more details. Students who are not selected for membership in the USF Herd of Thunder Marching Band may return their non-used/non-laundered materials and receive a full refund from *Kappa Kappa Psi*. Refunds will be available Tuesday, August 18 at the evening rehearsal.

Stipends

Members of the Herd of Thunder who complete the season in good standing are eligible to receive a stipend for participating. Registration in the USF Course “MUN1110 – Marching Band” is required to receive the Marching Band stipend. Stipends are posted to each student’s USF account at the end of the semester and once any university charges have been deducted (including any non-subsidized loan interest payments) the remaining balance for which you are eligible to receive will be deposited into your account or mailed to the address on file at USF. *Note: If your stipend exceeds the amount of financial aid that you are eligible for, the University will retain the excess funds.*

Herd of Thunder Marching Band (Fall Semester)

First year:	Receive a \$200 Stipend
Second year:	Receive a \$300 Stipend
Third year:	Receive a \$400 Stipend
Fourth year:	Receive a \$500 Stipend
Fifth year:	Receive a \$500 Stipend
HOT Crew:	Receive a \$200 Stipend
Leadership:	Receive an additional \$100 Stipend

***STIPENDS ARE NOT GUARANTEED. YOU MUST ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY THAT
STIPENDS WILL BE REDUCED OR WITHHELD COMPLETELY.***

HOT Crew

The HOT Band requires the support of student volunteers known as the HOT Crew. These students assist the band with equipment, water, and other physical support at football games. HOT Crew does not typically attend rehearsals, but may be requested to under special circumstances. In order to be eligible to travel with the band, members of the HOT Crew must register for the course and will receive a small stipend. Students who are not selected for the Marching Band may apply for membership in the HOT Crew; however former members of the band who are unable to march this year will have first priority. If a member of the Marching Band quits or is removed during the season, there is a possibility of promotion to Membership from the HOT Crew.

Band Camp Schedule 2015

August 10-11	Drum Line Auditions	4:00pm-8:00pm
August 12-13	Drum Line Pre-Camp	8:00am-Noon & 4:00pm-8:00pm
August 14	Drum Line Pre-Camp	8:00am-5:00pm
August 12-14	Color Guard Pre-Camp	5:00pm-8:00pm Campus Rec. Center
August 15	Leadership Workshop	8:00am-5:00pm Instr. Re. Hall
August 16-21	Pre-Season Band Camp	(See Schedule Below)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

11am-Noon	Guard/Percussion/KKPsi Registration	Conference Room
Noon-2:00pm	New Member Registration	Conference Room
2:00pm-3:30pm	Returning Member Registration	Conference Room
12:30pm-3:30pm	New Member Auditions	(See location below)
	<i>Flutes – MUS 119 (CRH)</i>	<i>Clarinets – MUS 211</i>
	<i>Saxophones – MUS 116</i>	<i>Trumpets – MUS 142 (Jazz Rehearsal Hall)</i>
	<i>Mellophones and Trombones – MUS 107 (Recital Hall)</i>	
	<i>Baritones and Tubas – MUS 140 (IRH)</i>	
1:00pm-4:00pm	Guard Rehearsal	Theatre II
	Percussion Rehearsal	Fowler Field
5:00pm-6:30pm	HOT Band Meeting	Theatre I
7:00pm-9:00pm	Winds Rehearsal	Theatre II
7:00pm-9:00pm	Drum line Rehearsal	Fowler Field
7:00pm-9:00pm	Guard Rehearsal	MUS 140 (IRH) or Fowler Field
9:00pm	Section Dinner	To Be Arranged

MONDAY-THURSDAY, AUGUST 17-20

9:30am-11:30am	(Tuesday Only) Show Band Auditions	TBA
9:00am-11:30am	(Wed, Thu, Fri) Uniform fitting	MUS 119 & 140
Noon-2:00pm	Small Sectionals	(See location below)
	<i>Flute – MUS 205</i>	<i>Clarinet – MUS 208</i>
	<i>Tenor Sax – MUS 211</i>	<i>Alto Sax – Theatre II</i>
	<i>Trombone – MUS 142 (JRH)</i>	<i>Trumpet – MUS 119 (CRH)</i>
	<i>Baritone – MUS 107 Recital Hall</i>	<i>Mellophone – Theatre I</i>
	<i>Tuba – MUS 140 (IRH)</i>	
Noon-4:00pm	Drumline Sectional	Fowler Field
	Guard Sectional	Upper Gym, Rec. Center
2:00pm-4:00pm	Brass Sectional	MUS 140 (IRH)
	Woodwind/Mellophone Sectional	MUS 119 (CRH)
4:00pm-6:00pm	Dinner Break	
6:00pm-10:00pm	Marching Rehearsal	Fowler Field

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Noon-1:15pm	Small Sectionals	(Previous Locations)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Brass Sectional	MUS 140 (IRH)
	Woodwind Sectional	MUS 119 (CRH)
	Percussion Sectional	Fowler Field
	Guard Sectional	Upper Gym, Rec. Center
2:30pm-4:00pm	Lunch Break	
4:00pm-6:30pm	Marching Rehearsal	Fowler Field
6:30pm-7:30pm	Cook-out at Fowler Field	
9:00pm	HOT TALENT SHOW!!!	Theatre I

All rehearsal times & locations are subject to change due to weather.

Grading and Attendance

All Members of HOT are required to enroll in Marching Band class – MUN 1110 – at the University of South Florida for academic credit. Students who attend other local institutions must enroll as a Non-Degree seeking (NDS) student. Detailed explanations of the NDS enrollment process are posted on the band's website.

Absences: Students are permitted two (2) rehearsal absences to be used at their discretion during the season. Each absence thereafter will result in the lowering of the final grade by one letter. After each rehearsal students who are absent will be sent an email stating so. If you feel this was received in error please let us know immediately. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of their absence and grade situation.

Any member who is absent without a compelling reason from the last regular rehearsal prior to a game (i.e. Friday night's rehearsal before a Saturday game), or from the game day rehearsal, will not be allowed to perform on the field with the band at that game if there have been significant changes to the show.

In general, absences are not "excused" or "unexcused". An absence is an absence. Students may appeal to the Assistant Director of Athletic Bands for possible excusal or grade adjustment. He will review only absences due to EXTREME and UNAVOIDABLE circumstances. Any attempt to excuse an absence must be within ONE WEEK of returning to rehearsal.

0-2 absences from HOT rehearsals =	Semester grade of "A"
3 absences from HOT rehearsals =	Semester grade of "B"
4 absences from HOT rehearsals =	Semester grade of "C"
5 absences from HOT rehearsals =	Semester grade of "D"
6 absences from HOT rehearsals =	Semester grade of "F"

Students who arrive at rehearsal after 6:00 pm will be marked tardy. After 6:15 the tardy becomes an absence unless there are extreme mitigating circumstances. (This is to ensure that members don't show up for the last half hour of rehearsal and attempt to count it as a tardy). Students who arrive after the band captains have completed attendance must notify a Band Captain of their late arrival in order to not be considered absent. The tardy policy is:

1 tardy to HOT rehearsal = No penalty. Every subsequent tardy = ½ an absence

Any student who reaches their sixth absence may be dismissed from the band.

Games, Parades, and Exhibition performances are **MANDATORY**. **A missed performance of any kind will lower the student's grade by one letter.**

USF Bowl Trips are MANDATORY. A missed Bowl trip will lower the student's final grade by two letters. Conflicts for any of the possible bowl trips must be made known in writing to the Director by August 21. Vacations will NOT be excused.

Emergencies must be documented by the hospital, doctor, or police to receive consideration for excusal. An excused absence form must be submitted within one week of the absence.

Students must have flip folders and drill at practice. We will do periodic checks and if you do not have your materials when we ask to see them, it will count as a tardy.

The use of cell phones during rehearsals or performances will not be tolerated, and violations will be recorded as a tardy. Consistent violations will result in absences. Students are allowed to discreetly take pictures while at the game, but must not interfere with the performance in any way.

Athletic shoes are REQUIRED at rehearsals. Flip-flops and bare feet are NOT allowed. A violation of this policy will result in a tardy.

CLASS CONFLICTS – Students who will be coming to rehearsal from a class across campus and may be slightly tardy on a consistent basis, must fill out a “HOT Class Excused/Tardy” form at the end of this syllabus in order to have those tardies excused. This applies to math/chemistry tests and other class conflicts as well.

Expectations

The use of alcohol or any illegal substances that impair an individual's ability to represent the Herd of Thunder, School of Music, or the University of South Florida in a positive manner will not be tolerated. Violators may be dismissed from the HOT, and/or reported to USF for additional consequences.

Smoking is not tolerated during any rehearsal or performance. Anyone smoking in uniform or during a rehearsal may be dismissed from HOT.

Profanity is not tolerated in uniform.

Students are responsible for the USF uniform and USF equipment checked out to them for the duration of the season. Please keep all uniform parts properly maintained and all instruments in good working order. **Students who lose, damage, or destroy any USF equipment will be held financially responsible for its repair or replacement. A hold will be placed on the student's records & account until restitution is made to USF.**

Uniforms must be worn COMPLETELY and correctly at all times in a performance venue from arrival to departure. Only the Director is authorized to make the decision that the band will be in half uniform due to the heat.

HOT members are expected to have their music and visual work prepared for the best possible performance.

In the stands the band will stand and sit together as decided by the Director or Drum Majors. Snacking in the stands is allowed, but must be done discreetly.

All members must be on their best behavior at the games, and enthusiasm is expected. Rudeness, profanity, and disorderly conduct will not be tolerated. Negatively engaging fans at any time, for any reason, is not allowed. The HOT has a well-deserved reputation as a first-class organization that has the very best students representing our great university.

During football games students may not enter the stands where the general audience is sitting.

Bus Captains (Band Captains/Drum Majors) are responsible for checking attendance. In addition, they are responsible for making sure the buses are clean at the end of each trip. All HOT leadership are expected to help.

Rehearsal Etiquette

Section leaders and officers will be called upon to fulfill numerous responsibilities including: setting drill, leading music sectionals, and ensuring that rehearsals run smoothly. These leaders were chosen for a purpose and must be given the same respect as instructional staff to ensure a productive rehearsal.

The HOT rehearsal is a time to practice. Please leave any other outside issues or personal concerns behind. Be prepared to learn and clean drill/music as quickly as possible.

Sectional warm-ups begin 15 minutes before each scheduled rehearsal. All students are expected to attend warm-ups unless travel schedule makes doing so impossible.

Talking during rehearsals will negatively affect our performance abilities. Do not treat rehearsal time as a social event. It is imperative that the Director and HOT Leadership have your undivided attention during rehearsals. Engaging in distracting behaviors – such as listening to mp3 players – during rehearsals is strictly prohibited.

Be courteous and respectful to all band staff at all times. They are required to do the same to you.

Students are reminded that marching band is an athletic activity that requires participants be in good shape and pay attention to their physical well-being. All HOT members are responsible for their own hydration and should bring water to every rehearsal.

Instructions will be given to you from both the tower and the field. When the speaker system is being used, it is the priority and all other instruction should cease.

Communication

- Students must be in the Canvas system and check it regularly.
- Attendance, & grade updates will be in Canvas.
- Students are expected to check their email and Facebook daily for announcements.
- Twitter/Text messaging will be utilized

If HOT rehearsal is delayed or cancelled, it will be announced via Facebook, email and/or text.

Inspection

Before loading the busses for each performance, section leaders will conduct an inspection of uniforms and instruments to ensure that all pieces of the uniform are present and professional, and all equipment is in top performing condition. Uniform inspection will be conducted as follows:

- All uniforms must fit correctly. Proper pant length is the responsibility of the student and is to be accomplished by hemming – not pinning.
- Uniforms must not be wrinkled.
- The HOT t-shirt must be worn underneath the uniform.
- Shoes must be flat (not shiny) black marching shoes. Tennis shoes and shiny black shoes are not acceptable.
- Gloves must be white marching gloves with no holes.
- Socks must be black and at least reach mid-calf. Ankle socks are **NOT ALLOWED!**
- Hair must be pulled back and kept off the collar, inside the hat.
- Hair color must be natural. If not, hair should be professionally dyed a natural hair color. Any variations – i.e., pink, green, blue, etc. – must be fully covered and hidden while in uniform.
- Earrings – no hoops bigger than a dime, and no more than 3 earrings per ear
- Facial hair must be well groomed.
- No ribbons, of any color, may be tied in your hair, uniform, or equipment.
- Only “officially licensed” temporary tattoos are allowed and only one per side of face.
- Sunglasses are allowed at the Road Show, but are at the Director’s discretion for pre-game and halftime. When sunglasses are not allowed, they must be stored out of sight (i.e. inside jacket, not on top of hat.) Sunglasses must be black, brown, or gray – no neon, white, etc. and no strange colored lenses.
- Color guard will have a full inspection for each game before leaving USF’s campus.

Wind instrument inspection will include:

- Mouthpieces & reeds, clean and playable (discretion of the section leader)
- Saxophone neck straps must be either black or green
- Flip Folders/Music as necessary
- Slides/Valves- Must move freely
- All brass instruments must be polished before each performance

Percussion inspection will include:

- Sticks and mallets must be properly taped.
- Drums and cymbals must be cleaned and in excellent working condition.
- Must have all needed accessories (wrist bands, gloves, bags, scoops)

ANY INSPECTION FAILURES WILL RESULT IN ONE ABSENCE BEING ADDED TO THE STUDENT’S ATTENDANCE RECORD.

Expenses

All members are required to pay the HOT Band Fee during registration.

- HOT Band Fee – Tuba \$45 (Cleaning, T-Shirt, Polo, Headband)
- HOT Band Fee – Remaining Winds \$55 (Cleaning, T-Shirt, Polo, Hat)
- HOT Band Fee – Drum Line \$60 (Cleaning, T-Shirt, Polo, Hat, Wrist Bands)
- HOT Band Fee – Guard \$TBD (No Package Available Yet)
- HOT Band Fee – Twirlers \$TBD (No Package Available Yet)
- HOT Band Fee – Drum Major \$35 (Cleaning, Polo)

All members must have the following items. **Students only need to purchase items that they don't already own.** All items will be available for sale during the week of band camp.

- HOT T-Shirt \$10
- HOT Baseball Cap \$18
- HOT Poncho \$5 (Strongly Encouraged – If a Woodwind Instrument Gets Wet, We Will Not Repair It.)
- HOT Polo \$20
- Black Marching Shoes \$27
- White Band Gloves \$5/pair (at least two pair are recommended)
- Lyres / Flip Folders \$6 - \$25 – prices vary depending on the instrument.
- Flip Folder Pages \$1 apiece
- Color Guard Warm-up Suit \$70 (Required)
- Color Guard Duffle Bags \$25
- Color Guard Shoes \$TBD
- CG Road Show Uniform \$TBD
- HOT Drawstring Bags \$8
- Banquet Ticket \$30 (Available throughout the season. A ticket will be required for admittance.)

The HOT Band will supply members with uniforms and instruments free of charge as available (brass, tenor saxophones, and percussion only). We will collect the uniforms several times throughout the season for dry cleaning. Students are responsible for the maintenance of equipment that is checked out to them.

Checks should be made out to **Kappa Kappa Psi.** Cash and credit/debit cards are also accepted during camp.

2015 USF HERD of THUNDER SCHEDULE

August 16-21 Sun-Fri Noon-10pm Pre-Season Camp - MANDATORY

Beginning August 25 the HOT Band will rehearse every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:00–8:30pm and 6:00-8:00 on Friday evenings before Saturday with games. Exceptions are noted below.

August 27	TH	Round-up	Horns Up Required
September 5	SA	GAME	USF vs. FAMU
September 12	SA	GAME	USF @ FSU
October 2	FR	GAME	USF vs. Memphis
October 9	FR		Homecoming Parade
October 10	SA	GAME	USF vs. Syracuse (Homecoming)
October 16	FR	6-8pm	Rumble Meeting/Rehearsal - IRH

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

Speak with Mr. Braue if you have an unavoidable conflict

October 24	SA	GAME	USF vs. SMU – (HOT Day)
October 30	FR	6-8pm	Rumble Meeting/Rehearsal - IRH

ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

Speak with Mr. Braue if you have an unavoidable conflict

November 7	SA	TBA	Exhibition Performances
November 14	SA	GAME	USF vs. Temple (Military Apprec.)
November 20	FR	GAME	USF vs. Cincinnati
November 25	W	No Rehearsal	Thanksgiving
November 27	F	GAME	USF @ UCF – We will definitely go
December 2	W	6-9pm	BULLAPALOOZA Rehearsal (Sections)
December 3	TH	8:00	BULLAPALOOZA (Sections Only)
December 4	F	8:00	BULLAPALOOZA (Full Band)

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Travel

The USF Athletic Bands have traveled extensively during their existence. Members of the HOT Athletic Band program may have the opportunity to travel to a variety of locations as athletic events are scheduled. Recent out-of state trips have included London England, El Paso TX, Birmingham AL, Charlotte NC, New York NY, Hartford CT, Dayton OH, and Nashville TN. In-State trips to Orlando, Ft. Lauderdale, Boca Raton, Daytona Beach, Miami, St. Petersburg, Pensacola, Gainesville, and Tallahassee are also possible.

As a member of the HOT, be prepared to travel and represent USF, Tampa, and the State of Florida at the highest level of performance and maturity as we perform for over a half a million people each year!

GAME DAY SCHEDULE:

Game Day schedule will be announced via email and Facebook on the Monday preceding the game.

HOT MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE ALL DAY ON SATURDAY GAME DAYS.

Do not schedule activities in the morning even if the kickoff isn't until 7pm.

BOWL GAME SCHEDULE:

Post-season bowl game attendance is MANDATORY.

Failure to attend bowl game will result in a retroactive lowering of the final grade by two letter grades. Conflicts for any of the possible bowl trips must be made known in writing, to the Director by August 22nd. Vacations will NOT be excused. All Winter Break plans should be "tentative" until the bowl game is announced around December 10th.

LIST OF BOWL GAMES USF IS ELIGIBLE FOR

Miami Beach Bowl, Miami, FL	December 21
Boca Raton Bowl, Boca Raton, FL	December 22
Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu, HI	December 24
St. Petersburg Bowl, St. Petersburg FL	December 26 (last year)
Military Bowl, Annapolis, MD	December 28
BBVA Compass Bowl, Birmingham AL	January 3 (last year)
National Championship, Arlington TX	January

*MANDATORY attendance for Bowl games will include up to 4 days BEFORE the game date for rehearsals, and up to 2 days AFTER the game date. Students will be given more information as soon as Dr. McCutchen receives it from the Athletic Department.

University Policies

Hazing

(1) The University of South Florida system (USF system) prohibits any form of hazing of its students, including hazing by students or other persons associated with any student organization, at any time, and at any location.

(2) Definition: As used in this regulation, "hazing" as defined by Section 1006.63, Florida Statutes, means any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for purposes including, but not limited to, initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a postsecondary institution, regardless of a person's willingness to participate. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, pressuring or coercing the student into violating state or federal law, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the student, and also includes any activity that would subject the student to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the student. Hazing does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective.

In addition to Florida Statutes Section 1006.63, hazing as defined by the University of South Florida system also includes, but is not limited to: the forced use of alcohol, morally degrading or humiliating games and activities, physical and psychological shocks, deception, verbal abuse, personal servitude, kidnapping, deprivation of privileges granted to others in the organization, by use of force or duress, and any other activities which are contrary to academic achievement, the stated purpose of the local and/or (inter)national organization and/or the mission, policies or regulations of the University of South Florida system or applicable state law.

(3) Investigation and Response: The USF system will respond and investigate reports of alleged hazing received from any source and will determine whether to proceed with campus disciplinary action, to forward a report to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution as a criminal matter, or both. All reports of hazing will be directed for investigation to the appropriate department depending on the nature of the report.

(a) Persons who know, or suspect that hazing has taken place are required to report hazing to the Office of the Dean for Students and/or Fraternity and Sorority Life.

(b) Individual: In most cases, an individual will be referred to the campus conduct officer and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Student Code of Conduct. The USF system Student Code of Conduct is available on-line at WWW.SA.USF.EDU/SRR.

Legal Process: If criminal charges are filed against an individual, group, or organization, the USF system reserves the right to proceed with its investigation and adjudication process according to the Student Code of Code as the USF system handles the educational aspect of the alleged violations separately from any criminal legal procedures.

University Policy 10-045 on Observance of Religious Holy Days

Students who seek to be absent under the university policy on religious observances must give notice no later than the **second class meeting (August 28th)** by providing the Director with an email stating the date and name of the observance.

Learning Disabilities

Any student with a disability is encouraged to meet with the Director privately during the first week of class to discuss accommodations. Each student must bring a current Memorandum of Accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, which is prerequisite for receiving accommodations. Accommodated examinations through the Office of Student Disability Services require two week's notice. All course documents are available in alternate format if requested in the student's Memorandum of Accommodations.

Internet Guidelines

Announcements & Emails

Any communication from the Director or Staff to HOT members should be considered private information for the Band. These communications should not be forwarded to message boards or the media. If a HOT Band communication is for public release, it will be clearly stated.

Media Interviews

HOT members will NOT grant interviews with news media (print, television, or internet) without specific permission from the Director. This includes "The Oracle". When reporting the interview request to the Director, include: Publication, Reporter & Topic.

Message Boards

HOT members will NOT comment on ANY message board on the topic of University Athletic Bands (even if the comment is positive in nature, or to "defend" a school's Athletic Band program). When commenting on message boards about non-Band subjects, members will NOT identify themselves as members of the Herd of Thunder.

Facebook or any other picture hosting websites

HOT members will not post, or allow others to post images or descriptions of themselves engaging in any of the following on any picture hosting website:

- a. ANY illegal activity
- b. Underage alcohol consumption or possession
- c. Irresponsible legal alcohol consumption
- d. Illegal drug use or possession, or abuse of legal drugs
- e. Inappropriate stages of undress
- f. Any behavior that could reflect a negative image on the USF Athletic Band program.

Consequences

Any violation of these policies could result in a variety of consequences of the Director's discretion, including immediate dismissal from HOT Band, with a grade of "F".



CLASS EXCUSED/TARDY FORM

Use this form if you will be consistently tardy to HOT Band because of a class that releases AFTER 5:45. Work schedule is NOT grounds for excused tardy.

BE ADVISED: This form only excuses you as late as 6:15. If you arrive after that time, you will be counted tardy.

YOU MUST ATTACH A PRINTOUT OF YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE TO THIS FORM.

STUDENT NAME: _____

INSTRUMENT/SECTION: _____

COURSE #1

Course title: _____

Course number: _____ Day/Time: _____

COURSE #2

Course title: _____

Course number: _____ Day/Time: _____

**TURN THIS COMPLETED FORM IN WITH ATTACHED
SCHEDULE TO MR. BRAUE BY AUGUST 21.**