2016 Handbook and Syllabus

University Marching Band
MUN1110, Sec 001 (CRN: 81019)
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.
# Student Leadership

## Executive Team

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MEMBERSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

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. Note: NDS students must submit a copy of their class schedule to Mr. Bombaugh.

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 Dr. McCutchen by July 1st, B) be prepared to audition for Dr. McCutchen 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 below. The audition is comprised of both playing and marching elements.

*Any USF student, or properly registered Non-Degree Seeking (NDS) student, who has completed a full season of USF Marching Band with a final grade of “B” or higher.

AUDITION PROCEDURES: (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.

Students will be evaluated in the following areas:

➢ Musical Performance: Pre-Game, Show 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 of 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. Note: Staff and Directors will make all 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 9:00am on the Tuesday of Band Camp. Any students who are not selected must drop the class by Monday, August 22, 2016. It will be the responsibility of all members who are selected to register for the course through Canvas before the add/drop deadline.

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Camp Registration Fee & Refund Policy

All students registering for Band Camp are required to pay a package fee to the Band Fraternity *Kappa Kappa Psi* that covers required uniform items, uniform cleaning and required items. In addition, students will also be able to purchase several “non-required” items at Band Camp, such as water coolers, sunglasses, shorts, etc. Please see the package pricing below for more details. To purchase non-required merchandise, please visit the HOT Store at [herdofthunder.usf.edu/shop](http://herdofthunder.usf.edu/shop) (available starting August 15, 2016). 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 16 at the evening rehearsal.

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**Instruments and Uniforms**

The Herd of Thunder will supply its members with uniforms and instruments free of charge **AS AVAILABLE** (brass, tenor saxophones, and percussion only). Students are responsible for the general maintenance and all repairs for equipment that is checked out to them. Students will be sized for uniforms during Band Camp and all uniforms will be kept in the School of Music. **Students who lose (including theft), 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 and account until restitution is made to USF.**
PROGRAM 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 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 and 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 Herd of Thunder 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 Herd of Thunder leadership is expected to assist with this process.

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.

• 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 using your phone - 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.
**GRADING AND ATTENDANCE**

All Members of HOT are required to enroll in USF’s Marching Band class - MUN 1110 - for academic credit. Students who attend other 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 marked absent or tardy will receive an email stating so. If this information is not accurate, the student is required to respond to the email within 24 hours (with a valid explanation) in order to have it corrected.

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), may 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 Dr. McCutchen 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.

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Students who arrive at rehearsal after 6:00pm will be marked tardy. After 6:15pm the tardy becomes an absence unless there are extreme mitigating circumstances. Students who arrive after attendance has been taken must notify Mr. Braue of their late arrival in order to not be considered absent. The tardy policy is: One 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.** Exceptions are made for unavoidable situations that have been brought to Dr. McCutchen’s attention far in advance. For example if you have a wedding you must attend and let us know at the beginning of the season we will simply write you out of that show and there will be no penalty.

Illness will be considered an excuse for missing a game only with a **DOCTOR’S NOTE.** If you are feeling poorly you are still expected to come and at least march pre-game and halftime. Ask yourself “If a football player felt the way I do, would he ask to miss the game?” If the answer is no, you need to be prepared to perform.

**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 19, 2016. Vacations will NOT be excused.

Emergencies must be documented by the hospital, doctor, or police to receive consideration for excusal. An email must be sent to Dr. McCutchen directly within five business days explaining the situation accompanied by this note.

Students must have flip folders and dot books 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.

Cell phones must not be a distraction at rehearsals or performances. 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. **A completed form, with an attached copy of the students schedule, must be submitted to Mr. Braue by August 19, 2016.**
INSPECTION POLICIES

Before loading the buses 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! **DO NOT CUT ANY OF THE UNIFORM MATERIAL!**
- Uniforms must not be wrinkled.
- The official 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, long wrist, 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 three 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 Team Walk and 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 white.
  - Flap 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 properly taped.
  - Drums and Cymbals must be cleaned and in excellent working condition.
  - Must have all needed accessories (wrist bands, gloves, bags, sound projectors, etc.)

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

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in the Canvas system and check it regularly.
- Attendance and Grade updates will managed through Canvas.
- Students are expected to check their Email and Facebook daily for announcements.
- “Remind” text messaging will be utilized.

**IF HOT REHEARSAL IS DELAYED OR CANCELLED, IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA FACEBOOK, EMAIL AND/OR REMIND.**

It is crucial that you understand that there will be times during the season that we will rehearse / perform in the rain. It is your responsibility to keep you instrument protected (woodwinds) while still playing if at all possible. The HOT Band will not pay for instrument damage due to rain.

HOT Crew

HOT 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.
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 “MUN 1110 - 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)**

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

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: Los Angeles, CA; 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 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 schedules 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 of Game Days, even if the kickoff time is listed at 7:00pm.

BOWL GAME SCHEDULE

**POST-SEASON BOWL GAME ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY**

Failure to attend a 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 Dr. McCutchen, by August 19, 2016. Vacations will NOT be excused. All Winter Break plans should be “tentative” until the bowl game is announced on or around December 11th.

**LIST OF BOW GAMES USF IS ELIGIBLE FOR:**

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*MANDATORY attendance for Bowl games will include up to four days BEFORE the game date for rehearsals, and up to two days AFTER the game date. Students will be given more information as soon as Dr. McCutchen receives it from the Athletic Department.*
2016 USF HERD OF THUNDER BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Required for all New and Returning Members

- August 6 - 7  Drum Line Auditions  3:00pm - 7:00pm (Fowler Field)
- August 8 - 10 Drum Line Pre-Camp  8:00am - 12:00pm and 4:00pm - 8:00pm (Fowler Field)
- August 10 - 12 Color Guard Pre-Camp  5:00pm - 8:00pm (Campus Rec. Center)
- August 12 Executive/Instructional Team Workshop  5:00pm - 8:00pm (School of Music)
- August 13 Leadership Workshop  9:00am - 5:00pm (School of Music)
- August 14 - 19 Pre-Season Band Camp  (See Schedule Below)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 11:00am - 12:00pm Color Guard / Drum Line / KKPsi Registration  Conference Center / School of Music
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm New Member Registration  Conference Center / School of Music
- 2:00pm - 3:30pm Returning Member Registration  Conference Center / School of Music
- 12:30pm - 3:30pm New Member Auditions  School of Music
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Color Guard Rehearsal  Theatre II
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm Drum Line Rehearsal  Fowler Field
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm HOT Band Meeting  Theatre I
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Winds Rehearsal  Theatre I
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Drum Line Rehearsal  Fowler Field
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Color Guard Rehearsal  MUS 140 (IRH) or Fowler Field
- 9:00pm  Section Dinner  To Be Arranged

MONDAY - THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 - 18

- 9:00am - 12:00pm Uniform Fitting (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)  MUS 119 and 140
- 12:00pm - 2:00pm Small Sectionals  (See location below)

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- 12:00pm - 4:00pm Drum Line Sectional  Fowler Field
- 12:00pm - 4:00pm Guard Sectional  Upper Gym, Rec. Center
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Brass Sectional  Theatre II
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm Woodwind Sectional  MUS 119 (CRH)
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm Dinner Break
- 6:00pm - 10:00pm Marching Rehearsal  Fowler Field

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 9:00am - 11:30am Horns Up Auditions  MUS 211
- 12:00pm - 1:15pm Small Sectionals  (Previous Locations)
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Brass Sectional  Theatre II
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Woodwind Sectional  MUS 119 (CRH)
- 12:00pm - 2:30pm Drum Line Sectional  Fowler Field
- 12:00pm - 2:30pm Guard Sectional  Upper Gym, Rec. Center
- 2:30pm - 4:00pm Lunch Break
- 4:00pm - 6:30pm Marching Rehearsal  Fowler Field
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm HOT Cook-Out  Fowler Field
- 9:00pm  HOT TALENT SHOW!!!  Theatre I

ALL REHEARSAL TIMES & LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER.
2016 USF Herd of Thunder Semester Schedule

Beginning August 22, 2016, HOT will rehearse every Monday / Wednesday from 6:00pm - 8:30pm, and 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Friday evenings before Saturday performances. Exceptions are noted below:

- **Saturday, September 3**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. Towson  
  Call Time TBD

- **Saturday, September 10**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. Northern Illinois (HOT Day)  
  Call Time TBD

- **Saturday, September 24**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. FSU  
  Call Time TBD

- **Friday, October 7**  
  Parade  
  Homecoming Parade  
  Call Time TBD

- **Saturday, October 8**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. ECU  
  Call Time TBD

- **Saturday, October 15**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. UConn  
  Call Time TBD

- **Friday, October 21**  
  Basketball  
  Rumble Meeting / Rehearsal  
  6:00pm - 8:00pm

  - Attendance is Mandatory in order to Participate
  - Contact Mr. Braue, via email, if you have an unavoidable conflict.

- **Friday, October 28**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. Navy

- **Friday, November 4**  
  Basketball  
  Rumble Meeting / Rehearsal  
  6:00pm - 8:00pm

  - Attendance is Mandatory in order to Participate
  - Contact Mr. Braue, via email, if you have an unavoidable conflict.

- **Saturday, November 5**  
  Exhibition Performance  
  TBD  
  Call Time TBD

- **Wednesday, November 23**  
  No Rehearsal  
  Thanksgiving

- **Saturday, November 26**  
  Football Game  
  USF vs. UCF  
  Call Time TBD

- **Friday, December 2**  
  Festival of Winds  
  BULLAPALOOZA  
  Call Time TBD

- **Saturday, December 3**  
  Football Game  
  AAC Championship  
  Call Time TBD

**THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!**

**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 sent to the media from the Director.

**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 may result in a variety of consequences of the Director’s discretion, including immediate dismissal from HOT Band, with a grade of “F”.

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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 online 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.
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 FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2016

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