

OILER BANDS NEWS

Welcome to the 2024 UF Oiler Bands!



A Note from the Director

Greetings Members of the University of Findlay Oiler Bands!

Summer is flying by, and it is almost time to experience the sights and sounds of the Oiler Bands across campus! The UF Band Staff has been hard at work preparing everything for the Fall and getting ready for your arrival. We have a lot of freshmen interested in all of our ensembles, and things are shaping up to be a great experience! The Oiler Marching Band is poised to have its best season yet with our **upcoming 2024 shows**: *Broadway Hits!* (featuring music from *Wicked*, *Les Mis*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story*, and more), *Pixar!* (music from Pixar movies), and *A Salute to America!* Music links will be made public on the Oiler Marching Band BAND app page by the end of next week. Make sure to join!

This newsletter contains lots of important information concerning your membership (and scholarships!) in our band program. **Please read it!** I have included information concerning all of the bands in our Fall program including the Oiler Marching Bands, the Oiler Concert Bands, and the Oiler Jazz Ensemble. I have also included a calendar of the projected performance dates for the academic calendar year. [Please take a moment and fill out our annual interest form to let us know what ensembles you plan in which to participate. All new and returning students need to fill this out.](#)

All of our ensembles are classes, such as MUSC-100 Marching Band. **EVERYONE** must be registered for the class to participate (returning members included) and to be eligible for scholarships, along with lessons for Concert Band Scholarship. If you are having issues getting signed up for marching band, let Dr. King know right away. Reminder: **marching band students must attend band camp!**

We are blessed to have so many talented returning students along with our outstanding freshmen class! I know that this is going to be a great year for the Oiler Bands. We are excited to debut our brand new drumline equipment! In the weeks ahead, make time for rest and relaxation, play your horns, get used to being outdoors in the sun, hydrate, and take care of your preparations so you can have the best experience possible at UF this Fall. Please let me know how we can assist you!

Have a great summer, and I cannot wait to hear about all your adventures!

Dr. Wes King, Director of Bands

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BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

Monday-Tuesday, August 5-6

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Wednesday, August 7

8:30 AM-10:00AM	Dorm Check-in (see next page)
10:00AM-12:00 PM	Band Check-in (see next page)
1:00 PM	Full Band Meeting @ Enger 201
2:00 PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Egner
3:00 PM	Sectionals
4:30-6:00PM	Dinner
6:00PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Field
8:30PM	Dismissal
9:00PM	Evening Activity

Thursday – Saturday, August 8-10

9:00 AM-12:00PM	Marching Rehearsal @ Field
12:00PM-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Sectionals
3:30 PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Egner
4:30-6:00PM	Dinner
6:00PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Field
8:30PM	Dismissal
9:00PM	Evening Activity

Sunday, August 11

Morning off for Church	
1:00 PM	Sectionals
3:00 PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Egner
4:30-6:00PM	Dinner
6:00PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Field
8:30PM	Dismissal
9:00PM	Evening Activity

Monday – Tuesday, August 12-13

9:00 AM-12:00PM	Marching Rehearsal @ Field
12:00PM-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Sectionals
3:30 PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Egner
4:30-6:00PM	Dinner
6:00PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Field
8:30PM	Dismissal
9:00PM	Evening Activity

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 AM-12:00PM	Marching Rehearsal @ Field
12:00PM-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Sectionals
3:30 PM	Full Band Rehearsal @ Egner
4:30-6:00PM	Dinner
7:00PM	F&F Show @ Donnell Stadium

Thursday, August 15

3:00 PM	Call Time for Arch Ceremony
5:30PM	End of Band Camp

2024 OMB Schedule (Tentative)

Leadership/Drumline/ CG/Twirlers Camp	8/5-8/6
Band Camp	8/7-8/14
• Move In	8/7
Friends and Family Show	8/14
• 7PM @ Donnell Stadium	
Arch Ceremony	8/15
Hancock County Band Show	8/27
UF vs. Lake Erie	9/21
UF vs. Hillsdale (HC)	9/28
Exhibition Performance	10/5
UF vs. Ashland	10/12
Findlay Halloween Parade	10/22
Sounds of the Stadium	10/27
UF vs Walsh	11/2
UF vs. Northwood	11/9

This schedule is tentative and subject to change.
Any changes will be communicated as early as possible.

EARLY CAMP DETAILS

Drumline, Color Guard, and Twirler Camp is being cancelled due to all band students moving in on 8/7/24.

Leaders will still meet 8/5-8/6/24

LEADERSHIP CAMP DETAILS

10:00AM-12:00PM	Morning Training Session
12-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Afternoon Training Session
5:00 PM	Dismissal
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BAND CAMP CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

ALL Oiler Marching Band members must stop by the Egner lobby (AMU side) between 10AM and 12:00PM.

This is your official check-in to make sure you are present for band camp. Check-in should not take more than a few minutes per student.

On-campus Residents:

Housing will email you detailed instructions leading up to Band Camp on how/where to check in. Band Camp participants will have between 8:30-10:00AM to check into their on-campus housing.

Based on previous years, students will most likely report to Old Main, but please read this year's instructions (when they are sent out) carefully for current instructions. Please note that all on-campus residents will continue to have time to set up their rooms until our full-band meeting at 1:00PM in Egner and later that evening after dismissal.

Off-campus Residents and Commuters:

Students not checking into on-campus housing need to stop by Egner for Marching Band Check-In between 10:00AM and 12:00PM and report to Egner for the 1:00PM meeting.

Meals During Camp:

Lunch on August 7th during move-in and check in is **on your own**. Dinner on August 7th will be provided by the OMB. **Lunch and dinners** during Band Camp will be provided for all marching band students and staff. **Breakfast** is on **on your own** during camp. We recommend water and/or orange juice with something substantial like a meal-replacement bar or something non-greasy for breakfast. **Please avoid milk and an abundance of carbonated beverages during camp.**

Important Marching Band Information

Class/Lab Conflict

Because we only rehearse 3-4 hours a week, it is important that every member be present for every rehearsal. Please do your absolute best to get signed up for alternative sections of conflicting courses to be at rehearsal. Marching Band is *also* a course!

Jobs or regularly scheduled meetings (including clubs and Greek life organizations) are not considered class conflicts and will not be excused. Only official UF sports are considered conflicts. If you would not skip organic chemistry for the conflict, do not skip band.

[Please fill out the class conflict form.](#) If you need a Course Override, email Dr. King (wes.king@findlay.edu), UF Registrar (registrar@findlay.edu) and your advisor requesting a course override including both course numbers in your email (MUSC 100 for marching band).

Credit Overload

At UF, music ensemble classes and applied music private lesson classes **do not count toward the credit cap**. Your advisor may be unaware. Make sure to get signed up for all your other courses in your initial 18 credits, and then sign up for music courses. You can request a credit overload on Workday (under Forms).

Instruments

We have a small number of woodwind instruments for students to check out. All brass players are expected to play a silver instrument, and we have plenty of silver brass instruments to check out for the season. All wind players are heavily encouraged to provide their own mouthpieces.

Flip Folders

The OMB has transitioned to PDFs and digital music for flip folders. We will provide all music digitally, and we will be Beam Music app during marching season. Students are encouraged to use their phones or a small tablet. You can purchase a lyre attachment at [Tonal Innovation](#). Students are encouraged to purchase a portable battery charger for your device to have enough battery life for rehearsals and gamedays.

Ticket Orders

Each band student can reserve two tickets for free per football game. [Ticket requests can be made here.](#)

Rehearsal Attire

For all rehearsals, please wear a t-shirt, shorts, socks, and athletic shoes. Please do not wear flip flops, sandals, Chacos, boots, high heels, dress shoes, hiking boots, etc. for marching.

Marching Band Shoes

The Oiler Marching Band uses black, matte finish marching band shoes. If you already have the correct type and they are in good condition, you do not have to order new ones. If you need new ones, [use this link](#). You need these shoes by band camp, so please do not wait until the last minute. Factor in shipping time. **You will also need long black socks for full uniform and ankle-length black socks for summer uniform (NEW THIS YEAR)**

Summer Uniform

All returning OMB members should bring their 2023 summer uniform back to UF (T-Shirt, Shorts, Hat, and sunglasses). New members will receive their uniforms after band camp.

Drumline

Drumline assignments will be handled over the summer and at band camp. All questions regarding drumline should be forwarded to our Percussion Instructor, [Mr. Rob Ciesluk](#). Drumline should expect to have the occasional sectional before or after rehearsal depending on need.

Guard & Twirlers

All guard members and twirlers should be prepared to have the occasional sectional before or after rehearsal depending on need. Color Guard can contact Ms. [Mariah Schroeder](#). Twirlers can contact [Ms. Tabith Kirsch](#) if there are any questions. Color guard questions can be directed to [Dr. King](#).

Dietary Restrictions

The OMB will share many meals throughout the fall semester. The band staff will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions, especially during band camp, but we cannot help you if we do not know what your situation is beforehand. You will be asked for these restrictions during Band Camp check-in.

Medical Form

[Please fill out the UF Medical Form](#) before the start of band camp. We do not have access to the copy you fill out for UF, so please submit this one to us, as well.

Entrance Survey

All OMB members should fill out [this brand new information survey](#) that allows us to collect some interesting (and anonymous) data about our 2024 membership!

Prepare for the Heat and Stay Healthy

Your health and wellness is very important! Marching Band takes place outdoors, so follow these guidelines to ensure everyone's well-being and safety. **1) Stay hydrated. Drink PLENTY of water, not just sports drinks. A large water jug is required at every rehearsal. 2) Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes and a hat/visor. 3) Apply (and re-apply) sunscreen. 4) Wear tennis shoes during rehearsal. 5) Don't "lock" your knees to ensure proper circulation. 6) Eat before rehearsals, even if you're not a breakfast eater. 7) Sleep! You need to recharge. 8) Tell someone if you feel ill. 9) Start spending time outside *now* to get used to the heat!**

2024 OMB Band Staff:

(alphabetical)

Season Staff:

Director of Bands:
Dr. Wes King

Percussion Instructor:
Mr. Rob Ciesluk

Color Guard Instructor:
Ms. Mariah Schroeder

Twirler Instructor:
Ms. Tabitha Kirsch

The Voice of the Oiler Marching Band:
Mr. Jack Taylor

Administrative Assistant:
Ms. Cindy Bormuth

Band Officers:

Drum Majors:
Molly Kautz
Caitlynn Noble

President:
Hannah Launder

Vice President:
Megan Taber

Band Secretary:
Mikayla Holtz

Section Leaders

Woodwinds:

Katie Bisio
Hannah Keuerleber
Ainsley McCluer

Brass:

Kaitlyn Adamic (Low Brass)
Mikayla Holtz (High Brass)
Connor Oberhouse (Low Brass)
Kayla Richardson (High Brass)

Percussion:

Nora Zirm
Owen Styer

Color Guard:

Morgan Wissinger

Twirler:

Sienna Garcia (Feature Twirlers)
Sierra Garcia (Majorettes)
Morgan Koenig (Majorettes)

Equipment Managers:

Abigail Furer
Emily Morehart
Connor Oberhouse (Head Manager)

Uniform Managers:

Jesse Ipock
Alexis Margraf
Averie Rutter (Head Manager)

Recruitment and Retention Committee:

Isabelle Hopkins
Maria Saltzman
Nathan Springer



MARCHING BAND

MUSC 100.1

6:30-8:30PM T/TH/



WIND ENSEMBLE

MUSC 199.1

4:30-5:30PM T/TH
Egner 201

[Audition material found here:](#)

Starts after Fall midterms



SYMPHONIC BAND

MUSC 191.1

7:00-9:00PM M
Egner 201

[Audition material found here:](#)

Auditions for Symphonic Band only required if pursuing Concert Band Scholarship.

Starts after Fall midterms



JAZZ ENSEMBLE

MUSC 290.1

3:00-4:30PM F
(may change)
Egner 201

[Audition material found here:](#)

Starts after Fall midterms

Concert Band Scholarship Auditions:

Students may participate in the UF Symphonic Band without an audition.

Students wishing to pursue a UF Concert Band Scholarship (regardless of placement) and/or participation in the UF Wind Ensemble need to [submit a recorded audition video by August 23, 2024.](#)

[Auditions include two prepared excerpts and a full-range chromatic scale.](#)

Percussion have one mallet excerpt and one snare drum excerpt. Chromatic scale should be performed on mallets.

Students pursuing the Concert Band Scholarship need to fulfill three requirements:

- Sign up for the course.
- Sign up for a private lesson course on their instrument.
 - Students are awarded a secondary scholarship to cover the cost of the course fee for lessons.
- Complete the audition process.

Jazz Ensemble Auditions:

- Scholarships for Jazz Ensemble are limited. Students are required to audition using the same process as the Concert Band Scholarship auditions.
- Students wishing to participate in both concert band and jazz ensemble on the same instrument only have to complete one audition.
- Rhythm section students will set up separate auditions by emailing [Dr. King.](#)

**Concert and Jazz Band Dates:
(tentative)**

Placement Audition Videos Due	8/22/24
CB and JE Rehearsals Begin	Week of 10/14/24
Fall Band Concert	12/8/24 3:00PM
Winter Band Concert	3/2/25 3:00PM
Spring Jazz Ensemble Concert	4/6/25 3:00PM
Spring Band Concert	5/4/25 3:00PM

Applied Lessons Course Numbers

(Course Number . Section Number)

Flute: MUSC 193.08
Oboe: MUSC 193.11
Bassoon: MUSC 193.12
Clarinet: MUSC 193.09
Saxophone: MUSC 193.10
Trumpet: MUSC 193.04
Horn: MUSC 193.05
Trombone: MUSC 193.06
Euphonium: MUSC 193.07
Tuba: MUSC 193.07
Percussion: MUSC 193.13
Guitar/Bass: MUSC 193.18

Make sure to sign up for lessons to be eligible for the UF Concert Band and/or UF Jazz Ensemble Scholarships.

All students need to be signed up for every ensemble in which they are participating.

Some applied faculty may request freshmen to sign up for the 183 level. Reach out to them and confirm.

You must be signed up by the start of the Fall semester!

Instructors:

Flute:

[Ms. Desra Dabney](#)

Oboe:

[Ms. Linda Sycks](#)

Bassoon:

Staff, contact [Dr. King](#)

Clarinet/Sax:

[Ms. Colleen Abrams](#)

Brass:

[Ms. Lori Bitz](#)

Percussion:

[Mr. Rob Ciesluk](#)

Guitar/Bass

[Mr. Scott Parnell](#)



BAND App:

We currently use the Band App to stay in contact and up to date daily. Please use the following links to join (students only):

[University of Findlay Bands](#)

[Oiler Marching Band 2024](#)

[University of Findlay Wind Ensemble 2024-2025](#)

[University of Findlay Symphonic Band](#)

[University of Findlay Jazz Ensemble 2023-2024](#)

[UF Oiler Bands Friends and Family](#)

(Parents/family may join this one!)



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