

# 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 has just begun for the UF students, and our freshmen are finishing up their school year. This time of year is always one of transition and bittersweetness. We have just said goodbye to our seniors, but we are so excited for the talented freshman class that is joining us in August. I pray that each of you finds time to relax and recharge your batteries this summer after a busy academic year.

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 am confident that this is going to be a great year for the Oiler Bands. In the months 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

Leadership, Drumline, Color Guard, and Twirlers Camp TBA  
 Local students should plan to attend as a day camp.  
 Remote students should plan to join via Zoom.  
 Schedule TBA until Housing announces move-in directions

## Wednesday, August 7

Move-in times TBA pending information from Housing.  
 Plan to have lunch on your own with our first meeting in the early afternoon.

## 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
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## 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
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Band Camp	8/7-8/14
• Move In	8/7

Friends and Family Show	8/14
• 7PM @ Donnell Stadium	

Arch Ceremony	8/15
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Hancock County Band Show	8/27
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UF vs. Lake Erie	9/21
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UF vs. Hillsdale (HC)	9/28
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Exhibition Performance	10/5
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UF vs. Ashland	10/12
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Findlay Halloween Parade	10/22
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Sounds of the Stadium	10/27
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UF vs Walsh	11/2
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UF vs. Northwood	11/9
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This schedule is tentative and subject to change.  
 Any changes will be communicated as early as possible.

# 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](mailto:wes.king@findlay.edu)), UF Registrar ([registrar@findlay.edu](mailto: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 [JWPepper](#). 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)**

## 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.

## 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!**

## 2023 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:

TBA

#### Twirler:

TBA

#### 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.

**\*\*Audition Music will be posted by 5/15/24\*\***

**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	8/23/24
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:

[University of Findlay Bands \(all should join\)](#)

[Oiler Marching Band 2024](#)

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

[University of Findlay Symphonic Band](#)

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



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