UB MARCHING BAND: “THUNDER OF THE EAST”

SPIRIT LIVES HERE
TO THE “THUNDER OF THE EAST” MARCHING BAND — ONE OF THE LARGEST, LOUDEST AND MOST EXCITING GROUPS ON CAMPUS. IF YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT, DANCE OR TOSS A FLAG, THERE’S A PLACE FOR YOU IN UB’S HIGH-ENERGY, AWARD-WINNING MARCHING BAND.

“Joining the band is like joining a family. You meet people from all over and even if you’re a different major or have different interests, you’re both still here to play and perform which is really cool.”
HOW DO I JOIN?

You don’t have to be a music major, and no auditions are required. To join, simply complete the online registration form on our website: bit.ly/UBMarchingBand.
Have Fun at Band Camp
Band Camp starts approximately nine days before the start of the fall semester (see our website for details). At camp, you’ll:
• Meet people in your section and throughout the band
• Have fun in friendly competitions (including the Golden Cowbell)
• Learn our first field show
• Enjoy many social activities

Dates, check-in information and other details will be posted on our UBLinked website when available: bit.ly/UBMarchingBand.

On-Campus Housing for Band Camp
If you are living in on-campus housing, the Marching Band will cover the costs of your early move-in. There is no additional cost to you. Please indicate your request for housing when you complete the online membership registration.
• New and returning members will move in on a Saturday, typically 9-10 days before the start of the fall semester
• The band will submit an early move-in form for you after you have completed your online band membership registration

Off-Campus Housing for Band Camp
If you are living in a private residence (off-campus), please note that most real estate agents and landlords do not have move-in dates before Band Camp starts. You will need to ask if you can move in before Band Camp begins.

Housing questions or planning to be late to Band Camp?
Call us at 716-645-2055.

Dining During Band Camp
Food is provided during Band Camp, at no additional cost to you. All meals are provided from move-in day until the day that student meal plans become active.

Honors College and Academies Students
You will be excused from Band Camp to prepare for and attend the colloquium and/or orientations for these programs. Please call us at 716-645-2055 to let us know if you will be attending these events.
YES, YOU’LL HAVE TIME FOR BAND

Band includes students from all majors, including engineering and other sciences. If you want to be in the band, it’s easy to find the time. If a class or lab conflicts with band, first-year members can request permission to miss a rehearsal. Please contact the Director to request permission.
Get Better Grades
Members of the Marching Band have traditionally maintained a higher GPA than the average university student.

Enjoy Your Social Life
You will have plenty of time to hang out with your friends outside of band. Of course, you will also make lots of new friends in band.

Participate in Other Activities and Programs
Band typically includes students from the Honors College, UB Academies, ROTC, fraternities, sororities, and other programs. Plus, a majority of the band is on academic scholarship.

Bowl Games, Away Games and Other Off-Campus Trips
When the UB football team qualifies for postseason games, the Marching Band goes with the team and participates in all the festivities. In addition, the Marching Band typically travels to at least one away game each year, and performs at other off-campus events throughout the season.

“When you step onto the field on game day – it’s the best. You have that sound behind you, you can hear it echoing, and the crowd is going nuts. It gives me the chills.”

VICTOR MIRANDA III
TRUMPET
“This band is definitely a lot more tight-knit than high school – everyone who’s here wants to be here. It’s nice to have a community of people who are all just as passionate about music as you are.”
MEET US AT CLUB FAIRS, ORIENTATION OR ACCEPTED STUDENTS DAY

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COLOR GUARD
The Color Guard is an essential part to the visual aspect of the UB Marching Band. Routines include standard flag, swing flag, sabre and rifle.

DAZZLERS
Our UB Dazzlers dance team captivates the crowd one move at a time and are a large part of the UB Marching Band.
WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may contact us at anytime! We are happy to answer any questions you may have, or clarify anything expressed in this guide

Please forward any inquiries to:

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