



**Pep Band
MUN 1100
Spring 2021**

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Office Hours: MW 3-5 PM, and by appointment
Course Time: Monday 7:00-8:50 PM
Course Location: AL 260
Course Credits: 0

Course Description: The Florida Atlantic University Pep Band is designed to promote the advancement of the University through entertainment, artistic performance, and school spirit while enhancing the collegiate, life-building experience of the membership. Class may be repeated.

Purpose:

The purpose of the 'Parliament Sound' Pep Band is to provide entertaining performances that draw the audience into the game, inspire the team to victory, represent the community with pride, and nurture a spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship. The band comprises of students representing a variety of disciplines who contribute musically to the game-day atmosphere uniting the study body, university, and community in mutual camaraderie.

Student Expectations:

Members of the FAU 'Parliament Sound' Pep Band are expected to attend all rehearsals and games presented on this syllabus for the semester. Perfect attendance is considered the norm. In the event of illness or emergency, email the instructor within one-day of the absence requesting that it be excused. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.

Attendance: taken 30-minutes before a game begins.

Grades:

Satisfactory = 0-4 Unexcused Absences
Unsatisfactory = 5+ Unexcused Absences

Uniform:

All members of the FAU 'Parliament Sound' Pep Band will purchase a red uniform polo. The red polo along with a pair of blue jeans is the bands official uniform. Polo's will be available for sale throughout the semester. Nothing is to be added to the uniform without permission of the instructor.

General Rules:

- Cheer for our team, never against the other team
- Get concessions or use the restroom in groups no larger than two at a time during the game. There will be a larger break at half-time.
- The use of alcohol, drugs, smoking, or vaping, will not be tolerated at any rehearsal, performance, or road trip. They are grounds for immediate dismissal from the ensemble.
- There will be no hazing of any member of the 'Parliament Sound'. Further, there are no official gatherings of the 'Parliament Sound' on or off campus, except otherwise listed in the course syllabus.
- All members of the band will show the upmost respect to their colleagues and university equipment
- Be mindful of our appearance in the stands. Most the games this year will be broadcast or webcast to large audiences.
- The director of the Parliament Sound reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences for any breach of these rules

Travel: The band will travel with the team should they do well enough to make the C-USA and NCAA Tournaments. Members of the Pep Band are expected to make every effort to attend the tournament in order to represent FAU on the road.

Course Schedule (may be subject to change) The FAU 'Parliament Sound' Pep Band

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Call-Time</u>
1/13	Rehearsal	AL 260	7:30 pm
1/16	Men's Basketball vs. MTSU	FAU Arena	6:30 pm
1/18	Men's Basketball vs. UAB	FAU Arena	3:30 pm
1/23	Women's Basketball vs. Charlotte	FAU Arena	6:30 pm
1/25	Women's Basketball vs. Old Dominion	FAU Arena	1:30 pm
1/30	Men's Basketball vs. WKU	FAU Arena	6:30 pm
2/1	Men's Basketball vs. Marshall	FAU Arena	3:30 pm
2/8	Men's Basketball vs. FIU	FAU Arena	3:30 pm
2/13	Women's Basketball vs. Southern Miss.	FAU Arena	6:30 pm
2/15	Women's Basketball vs. LA Tech	FAU Arena	1:30 pm
*2/20	Women's Basketball vs. FIU	FAU Arena	6:30 pm
**2/22	Men's Basketball	TBA	TBA
**2/27	Men's Basketball	TBA	TBA
**3/1	Men's Basketball	TBA	TBA
**3/4	Men's Basketball	TBA	TBA
***3/10-14	C-USA Tournament	Dallas, TX	TBA
TBA	Football Spring Scrimmage	FAU Stadium	TBA

*This game is tentative due to the FAU Wind Ensemble traveling to perform at the CBDNA Conference.

**C-USA is attempting to get additional teams into the NCAA Tournament by scheduling Men's Basketball games at the end of February by looking at overall records and finding matches that propel C-USA schools into better rankings. This means we might, or might not, have home games on these days. More information to come in mid-February.

***The Pep Band will travel to the C-USA Tournament if either the Men's or Women's teams place in the top 12 of the conference. Our travel party will have a limited size, and first preference goes to those who attend the most games.

Attendance Policy Statement: *Students are expected to attend all of their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as outlined by the instructor. The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of non-attendance. Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations or participation in University-approved activities. Examples of University-approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absences and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the opportunity to make up work missed 3 without any reduction in the student's final course grade as a direct result of such absence.*

Disability Policy Statement: *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU's campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses. For more information, please visit the SAS website at www.fau.edu/sas/.*

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center: *Life as a university student can be challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. Students who find stress negatively affecting their ability to achieve academic or personal goals may wish to consider utilizing FAU's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center. CAPS provides FAU students a range of services – individual counseling, support meetings, and psychiatric services, to name a few – offered to help improve and maintain emotional well-being. For more information, go to <http://www.fau.edu/counseling/>*

Code of Academic Integrity Policy Statement: *Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see University Regulation 4.001. If your college has particular policies relating to cheating and plagiarism, state so here or provide a link to the full policy—but be sure the college policy does not conflict with the University Regulation.*

Religious Accommodations: *Any student, upon notifying his or her instructor, will be excused from class or other scheduled academic or educational activity to observe a religious holy day of his or her personal faith. Such notification shall be made no later than the end of the second week of the applicable academic term. Students shall not be penalized due to absence from class or other scheduled academic or educational activity because of religious observances, practices or beliefs. Students should review course requirements and meeting days and times to avoid foreseeable conflicts, as excessive absences in a given term may prevent a student from successfully completing the academic requirements of a course. Students who are excused from class or a specific work assignment or other academic or educational activity for the purpose of observing a religious holy day will be responsible for the material covered in their absence, but shall be permitted a reasonable amount of time to make up any missed work. Missed work shall be made up in accordance with a timetable set by the student's instructor or as prescribed by the instructor at the beginning of the academic term.*