



## 2009 Rehearsal and Performance Schedule (Revised: 4/15/2009)

**Band Camp:** 8/25: Ad Stf. 8/27: Fld Stf. 8/29: Rookies. 8/30: Vets.

**Daily Rehearsals:** Monday - Friday 4:50-6:10 p.m.

### Special Rehearsals:

Wed, Oct. 14 Multiband Rehearsal 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. (approx)

### Performance Schedule

Fri, Sept 04	First Show and Family Barbecue Location to be determined Cost to be determined	5:00 p.m.
Sat, Sept. 12	H - Albany	Time: TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sat, Sept 19	H - Rhode Island	Time: TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sat, Sept 26	H - Stony Brook (BAND DAY)	Time: TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sun, Sept 27	Amherst 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade	Time: TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sat, Oct 3 - 4	Collegiate Marching Band Festival Weekend (J. Birney Crum Stadium) Allentown, PA	
Fri, Oct. 9-11	Delaware Weekend	Depart 5:00 p.m. Friday
Thu, Oct. 15	Multibands Pops Concert	(Report: 10:30a.m.)
Fri, Oct. 16	Multibands Pops Concert UMass Fine Arts Center	(Report: 10:30 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.)
Sat, Oct. 17	H - UNH (Homecoming)	Time - TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sun, Oct. 25	MICCA-LOWELL (Two Performances)	TBA
Sat, Oct. 31	<b>FREE WEEKEND</b>	
Sat, Nov. 7	H - Northeastern University	Time TBA (Report @ 8:00 a.m.)
Sat, Nov. 15	H - James Madison	
Sat, Nov 21	<b>FREE WEEKEND</b>	
Fri, Dec. 4	Merry Maple Holiday Parade/Concert	4:40 p.m.
Sun, Dec 6	Band Banquet	4:40

### Football Playoff Schedule:

NCAA IAA Football playoffs will be held on the following dates  
November 28, December 5, December 12

The Championship Game is the weekend of: December 18-19

The Band will perform at all home playoff games, and will likely travel to the Championship Game.

Please keep these dates clear. Band members MUST be available on these dates if performances are scheduled at those times. Unless otherwise determined, attendance at all playoff games are required.

All band members: be sure to read and understand the attendance policy on the next page.

# MINUTEMAN MARCHING BAND

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

### Attendance - Rehearsals

All members are expected to attend all rehearsals. Unexcused absences will negatively affect your grade.

**In the event of an illness that prevents attendance other classes that day**, you must email the director ([gnp@music.umass.edu](mailto:gnp@music.umass.edu)) AND the personnel manager ([ummb-personnel@music.umass.edu](mailto:ummb-personnel@music.umass.edu)) 30 minutes prior to rehearsal. If you cannot send the email, you must call the Personnel Manager voice mail system at (413) 545-1000, entering the mailbox number 5-3410 and choosing extension number two (2). This line is only when illness prevents your attendance. At the discretion of the director, a Doctors excuse might be requested

**In the event of evening exams:** Band members should not have to miss rehearsals due to exams. The official University group exam time is 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is a recent change in University policy, and all Professors might not know this. If you have an exam scheduled earlier then 7:00, POLITELY let the professor know that you have a scheduled class and may not be able to make the time earlier then 7:00 p.m. If there is any difficulty or question, contact GNP ([gnp@music.umass.edu](mailto:gnp@music.umass.edu)), give him your professors email address, and he will contact the professor if you feel you need assistance.

**Required University-approved academic field trips** must be excused by the Director. Excuse requests must be sent via email to the Director AND personnel manager one week prior to the proposed conflict.

**Religious Observances:** Students will be excused from rehearsals and performances for religious reasons. However, requests to miss scheduled performances must be presented in writing at Band Camp Registration.

**Any other requests to miss rehearsal** should be presented *in writing and in person* with the Director. Blank excuses can be downloaded at [www.umass.edu/band/members](http://www.umass.edu/band/members). **Excuses will not be issued** for: part time jobs, fraternity/sorority events, counseling appointments, **other rehearsals**, study sessions, weekend travel, lectures, movies, or labs, or other optional scheduling conflicts. If another teaching/conductor, etc, recommends a meeting and/or rehearsal during band time it is the **band members responsibility to say: No, sorry, I have a scheduled class.**

**Permanent excuses** are issued only if the student has an unavoidable permanent schedule conflict with another class that is required for graduation. Students should make every effort to rearrange their schedule to avoid the conflict. Approval of permanent excuses is at the discretion of the Director, and may depend on the necessity of the course with regards to the students major. Permanent excuses for electives are generally not approved. The request for a permanent excuse must be submitted to the Personnel Manager as soon the conflict is known. It will then be reviewed by the Director. All class conflicts must be reported to the Personnel Manager for forwarding to the Directors no later than the first day of Band Camp.

**A student who arrives late** to a rehearsal must sign in at the podium, *before joining the band rehearsal in* order to avoid being marked with an unexcused absence,

If a band member misses a dress rehearsal unexcused, they will be subject to a drop in their final grade by one (1) letter grade.

### Attendance: Dress rehearsals and Performances:

Any student who misses a scheduled UMMB performance without prior authorization from the Director is subject to failure in the course. There are rare instances where missing performances might be excused.

Students will be excused for **religions reasons**, though it is required to request the excuse on the prior to the start of Band Camp.

Students requesting to miss a performance to participate in the **wedding** of family member or close personal friend must present the excuse in writing prior to the start of Band Camp. Any student who elects to miss a performance will most likely be assigned an alternate position to ensure that the block is full at all performance. Students who elect to miss a performance might need to share a spot throughout the season.

Any other request to miss a performance will be considered at the discretion of the Director, and must be submitted in writing prior to the start of Band Camp. The students must assume the request is NOT APPROVED unless specifically notified otherwise. Most requests for other reasons will not be approved. Students will not be excused to attend other performances, fraternity / sorority events, or to attend functions of other organizations or ensembles. In the event that an excuse is approved, the students will most likely be assigned to share a position as an alternate.

Band Members should discuss the schedule with parents and family before the start of the season. Please inform friends and family that reunions, family gathering, etc should not be scheduled in conflict with band performances.

Any other performance conflict or other emergency that arises after band camp **MUST** be presented to the director **as soon as the conflict is known.**

Remember that missing a performance unexpectedly may result in failure in the course. An appeal for a lesser penalty may be made personally to the Director, and should occur immediately after missed commitment if the student feels special consideration is warranted.