

UHS Instrumental Music Program Director's Syllabus



Dear Regiment Members and Families:

The information in this packet will help prepare everyone for another exciting year in the Upland High School Instrumental Music Program! With preparations well under way for our 2020 field show, we will again be extremely competitive in the field show circuit. In recent years, Upland has established a reputation for excellence and creativity in the marching arena. This will continue as we work to produce a wonderful program for your student and our community. We will again have marching, percussion, visual, and instrumental staff. All of these individuals will help us improve our show. We are all very excited for this season and can't wait to get to work.

If you have any questions regarding rehearsals, dates, or scheduling conflicts, please email me at ernest_miranda@upland.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,
Ernie Miranda, Director

REHEARSALS/IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent Information Meeting	May 7 (Online meeting)
Jazz Band Auditions	TBA
Stage Band Auditions	TBA
*Regiment Registration	May 11 (Online)

***This must be completed by the parent or legal guardian.**

All summer camp dates below are subject to change.

Mini Camp I (All Members) Please bring your dinner, water and a snack.	June 15-17 (subject to change) 2:00-9:00 PM
Mini Camp II (All Members) Eat dinner before Rehearsal. Also bring water, snack, and a 3-ring binder with 20 plastic sheet protectors.	June 29-30, 2PM-9PM July 1-2, 2PM-9PM July 3, 5PM-9PM
Ontario Independence Day Parade Tennis shoes, black walking shorts, and Regiment shirt	July 4th Morning
Mini-Camp III (all members) Eat dinner before Rehearsal. Also bring water.	July 20-24 5:00-9:00 PM
Mandatory Uniform Fitting Days Assigned section times to be determined	July 20-24 1:00PM-5:00PM
Regiment Camp (All members) Bring water, a snack, and a 3-ring binder with 20 plastic sheet protectors	August 10-21 (M-F) 1:00-10:00 PM
Regiment Camp (All members) Family Dinner/Regiment Performance	August 22th 1:00-7:30 PM 8:00-10:00PM

Student Participation Information & Responsibilities

GOALS OF THE UPLAND HIGHLAND REGIMENT

- To create a premier ensemble through student achievement and excellence.
- To develop in its members, skills that will help them be successful in their future careers.
- To enhance the reputation of the UHS Music Program throughout the community, the state, the United States and abroad through the positive qualities and demeanor of our members.
- To support Upland High School and increase community spirit

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Marching Band (Regiment) - By audition and instructor approval. May be repeated for credit. Fall semester only.

Grade Level: 9 - 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Regiment Camps.

Co-requisite: Ensemble class*

* Brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard students **MUST** also co-enroll in one of the following ensemble classes as appropriate (**periods are subject to change each year**):

Period 0 Wind Symphony (2nd semester)

Period 1 Concert Band

Period 2 Symphonic Band

Period 3 Stage Band

Period 4 Jazz Band

Period 5 Color Guard

* **Percussion students MUST** enroll in 7th period percussion class as well as one of the previous classes; placement in which is subject to audition and sole discretion of the director. This is a full year commitment. Students who have participated in drumline and pit during the Regiment season are expected to continue in this ensemble during second semester or may be removed from all music classes.

Marching Band is a one-semester course. Participation in second semester music classes is by placement or audition only. Students are required to be in the Marching Band for one season (or currently enrolled at the time) before they may participate in any other music class.

Marching Band is a strenuous physical activity. To improve physical endurance, students will stretch, work out and perform calisthenics. **Any student with limiting medical conditions must provide the Director with a doctor's note detailing those conditions and limitations.**

EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN ACCIDENT. IT IS PRACTICED EVERY DAY!

Regiment Practice Schedule (additional guard rehearsal times to be scheduled later)

Monday and Wednesday Practice – After School - 5:00 PM

Tuesday Practice 5:00-9:00 PM

Students must arrive **15 minutes** prior to the beginning of rehearsal. Students need to have their equipment and be on the field **ON TIME**. Any student not ready to begin at the beginning of rehearsal will be counted as tardy.

Additional practices will be called as necessary.

General Information

- Members will take all necessary supplies to every rehearsal: pencils, music, instrument, 3-ring binder with 20 sheet protectors, and equipment. Playing of instruments to and from the rehearsal field is **NOT ALLOWED**.
- During the first 10 minutes of rehearsal Section Leaders will lead sectional warm-ups. Strict attention to these leaders is mandatory. Any member who is not in the proper position at the beginning of each rehearsal will be considered tardy.
- Comfortable clothing allowing movement must be worn to rehearsals. Improper selection of clothing will not alter your obligation to participate in class activities.
- Tennis Shoes are **ALWAYS** required for rehearsals and practices.
- When the Director or his assistants take charge, all other activity needs to stop. For instructions to be understood and for progress to be made, clear communication is a necessity. Therefore, when being addressed, all talking must stop and full attention must be given to the instructor.
- Students are required to submit forms for trips by the established dates to Upland Highland Regiment Boosters. (UHRB, Inc.)

Conduct

The success and enjoyment of participation in the Upland Highland Regiment depends on the combined efforts of all members. **The considerate treatment of fellow students, instructional staff, and any Booster members present, enhances our time together. Each member's expressed individual attitude about participation, either negative or positive, affects everybody within sight or earshot. Please be a positive inspiration to those around you.**

Please handle only equipment that belongs to you or for which you are responsible. All personal business (e.g., changing clothes, getting equipment, using restrooms, making phone calls, etc.) is to be completed prior to the beginning of each rehearsal.

The Band Room is our home away from home. Because this area is used by over two hundred people daily, it **MUST BE KEPT CLEAN AND ORDERLY**. There is no eating or drinking allowed in the

Band Room. The Band Office is for official business only. Please knock before entering the office. Office equipment, such as the telephone and copy machine may be used only by designated individuals or with permission of the Director.

While on free time at an event, it is recommended that students stay in groups of three or more for their safety. At the conclusion of an event, stay with the group and listen carefully for instructions. Always applaud at the end of another unit's program because they work as hard as we do and deserve our support.

As a member of the Upland High School Instrumental Music Program and the Upland Highland Regiment, we are in the spotlight of the school and the community. Because of our many public performances, each member must demonstrate the highest level of behavior and maturity, both in and out of uniform. We represent our school, community, and family. We must display pride in ourselves and the people we represent in everything we do! Any student bringing dishonor to the Regiment or the instrumental music program by violating major school or band rules, can and will be removed from the group.

Grades and Attendance

Grades are based on effort, performance, attitude, and participation. Students are expected to be at every practice and performance. Two hours of **unexcused absence** from a practice will lower the student's grade 1/2 letter grade. One **unexcused absence** from a **performance will lower the student's grade two full grades** or possibly result in the **REMOVAL** of the student from the music program. Four tardies to band class or rehearsals will lower the student's grade 1/2 letter grade. Three unexcused absences from rehearsal will be cause for dismissal from the music program. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Director before she/he misses a rehearsal or performance and to explain the reason for the absence. **If the student is ill and will miss any Band / Guard rehearsal, please leave an e-mail message to ernest_miranda@upland.k12.ca.us, as well as calling the attendance office.**

Excused absences include:

- Extreme illness
- Death in the family

Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to:

- Medical appointment
- Job
- Teacher conference & tests

Class Withdrawal

After the first week of the fall semester, in the event a student is forced to drop Regiment, the student will be required to drop all music classes.

Leadership Responsibilities

Students who take on the responsibility of leadership should remember that a leadership position is one of service. The student should be motivated by an increased desire to offer more to the program than

the average member as well as a desire to play a larger role in building a superior ensemble. Student leaders should expect that they may be required to arrive earlier and leave later than the rest of the members of the ensemble. Student leaders will be expected to give of their own time to help other members of their section reach their potential by offering extra assistance as needed. Student leaders should prepare themselves to be role models of the highest character and exhibit musicianship skills worthy of emulation by other members. Student leaders will be required to participate in an off campus leadership camp as well as attend a local Drum and Bugle Corps show as a leadership team. Leaders will also attend all Regiment events as scheduled including CIF playoff games. Leaders may be required to attend away football games. Fulfillment of these duties will be tied to the grade of the Regiment or other music class that the student is participating in for a given semester. Failure to successfully complete all expectations will result in a lower grade or removal from the program. There is no other program on campus that offers as valuable and varied a leadership experience as holding a student leadership role in the Instrumental Music Program.

Recognition

The success of the Regiment is built on the talents and skills of each individual member. Students are recognized and thanked for their contributions at an awards banquet at the end of the year. In addition to awards for outstanding achievement, students are recognized as follows:

- First Year Member - Special patch commemorating our field show
- Second Year Member -Chenille (letter)
- Third Year Member – 3 year “star” patch
- Fourth Year Member -Special four-year sweatshirt & “Crest” patch

Transportation

Transportation to and from most performances is provided through the Upland Unified School District. All students are **required** to travel with the group. Students are also **required** to return with the group to assist in unloading and storage of equipment. Group transportation also provides important preparation time for members, which helps develop camaraderie and team unity. The Director, prior to an event, must approve individual schedule modifications.

Responsibility for Instruments

Students are required to bring their instruments and all related accessories (slide oil, reeds, drum sticks, etc.) to all classes, rehearsals, and performances. UHS provides each participating student with an instrument at no cost to the student. Each instrument and related equipment will be checked out to one student at a time. Students are responsible for maintaining their instruments in good and working condition at all times.

Although normal wear and tear from instrument use is expected, UHS is not responsible for willful damage to instruments, or for instruments that the student loses or does not return (including instruments left in the instrument room). In the event that a student willfully damages or fails to return an instrument provided by UHS, the student will be charged to replace the instrument or, if the student cannot pay, offered a program of voluntary work in lieu of a monetary payment. (Education Code 48904.)

Miscellaneous Equipment: Required Mouthpieces and Reeds

Clarinet	Vandoren M 30, Reeds - Vandoren size 3, Mitchell Lurie '4' or stronger
Saxophone	Selmer C-Star (S-80) Reeds – Vandoren (medium strength, 3 or harder)
Trumpets	Bach 3 C or Bach 1 1/2 C
Trombones & Baritone	Bach 5G, 3G, or 6 1/2 AL
Percussion	Mallets and Drum Sticks

Regiment Clothing

Required clothing includes a marching uniform (which will be fitted and checked out to students), a travel uniform, tour shirt, parade shirt, two pairs of gloves, travel bag, and marching shoes. Except for items described below, all clothing needed to participate in the UHS Instrumental Music Program will be provided at no cost to the student. These items will be checked out to one student at a time at Regiment registration. Except as otherwise permitted by UHS, all checked-out items must be returned at the end of the semester. Although normal wear and tear is expected, UHS is not responsible for willful damage to checked-out items, or for items that the student loses or does not return. In the event a student willfully damages or fails to return an item provided by UHS, the student will be charged to replace the item or, if the student cannot pay, offered a program of voluntary work in lieu of a monetary payment. (Education Code 48904.) Students who wish to purchase and keep items may do so by contacting Regiment Boosters.

Other Necessities for all Band Members- (except as otherwise noted, these items need to be provided by the student)

Clothing

In addition to the clothing addressed above, all participating students must bring the following items of clothing. Please note, because these are the types of items sold for general wear outside of school, UHS does not provide these items to students. If a student is unable to bring these items due to circumstances beyond his or her control, however, please contact the Instrumental Music Instructors to discuss alternatives. No student's grades will be adversely affected if he or she is unable to bring these items due to circumstances beyond his or her control.

- **White tennis shoes-** All band members are required to have these for the July parade.
- **Black walking shorts-** These will need to be walking-shorts (just above the knee) and may not be baggy or denim. This is a part of the summer performance uniform for the July parade and any daytime performances during the summer.
- **Black T-shirt & Black shorts – these are necessities!!** All Regiment members are required to wear these under their marching uniforms during the Regiment season. This

helps protect the uniforms from perspiration and wear and enables the students to change outside at performance sites. The shorts cannot be bulky, as they will need to wear them under their marching uniforms. **All band members need to have these shorts on for the fitting of their marching uniform, this takes place during July 20- July 24 rehearsal day.**

- **Black socks-** All band members are required to have these at every performance.

Notebook

In addition to the foregoing clothing, instruments and other necessities, all students are required to have a three ring binder and 20 sheet protectors to bring to all music rehearsals and turn in at the end of the season for grading. These items are made available at no cost to students.

Instrumental and Ensemble Groups

(Groups that are year round) *Besides regular practice schedules, extra practices may be called for the following groups as necessary.*

BAGPIPE BAND

By audition and instructor approval. Pipe Band members play their concert instrument (an instrument other than bagpipes) in the field show, and pipes in parades and Pipe Band functions. Pipers **MUST** be currently enrolled in a concert group and be a current member of the Regiment.

The Bagpipe Band is a symbol of Upland High School. This unique group performs before and during UHS home football games, at parades, Scottish Festivals, and at many civic events throughout the year. A parent or guardian is required to transport the student and equipment to various events.

Attire: Kilts and accessories are provided by the Instrumental Music Program. This includes a white military short-sleeve dress shirt, black tie, black tie bar, Gillies (shoes), kilt hose and Glengarry to complete the civilian uniform.

CONCERT BAND

Concert band class is designed primarily for freshmen. Students must be currently enrolled in or have been a member of the Regiment for one season.

Concert Band is open to those students interested in learning and improving their instrumental music skills. This group will review Regiment material, as necessary, during the fall.

Attire: Any student may obtain loaner items upon request.

Ladies: black dress that is ***floor length*** or black dress slacks and long-sleeve white blouse, black dress shoes and black nylons.

Gentlemen: black suit, long-sleeve white shirt, black long tie, black dress shoes, and black socks.

JAZZ BAND

By audition and instructor approval. Students must be currently enrolled in or have been a member of Regiment for one season. **Students MUST also participate in the Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band while participating in Jazz Band. Placement in those groups is by audition and/or the**

DISCRETION of the director. This outstanding ensemble works on acquiring the skills and knowledge required to perform outstanding jazz literature. Our award winning Jazz Band has participated in the highly competitive Reno International Jazz Festival and Fullerton College Jazz Festival as well as at local festivals, community events, and basketball games. The majority of the Jazz Band's performances are scheduled during the second semester.

Attire: Any student may obtain loaner items upon request.

Ladies: dress that extends below the knee, appropriate shoes and black nylons.

Gentlemen: black suit, long-sleeve dress shirt, long tie, white tuxedo shirt, black bow tie & cummerbund, dress shoes and socks.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE (2nd semester group)

Instructor approval. Students must have been a part of the Regiment during the fall semester.

Students MUST also be currently participating in the concert band groups (Wind Symphony, Concert Band and/or Symphonic Band). Placement in these groups is by audition and/or the SOLE DISCRETION of the director. Rehearsals are twice a week, to be announced. This ensemble has competed at the world class level and performs at local and regional tournaments, as well as state championships. * **This is a full year commitment. Students who have participated in drumline and pit during the Regiment season are expected to continue in this ensemble during second semester or may be removed from all music classes.**

Clothing, uniform and trips to be announced once the program and trips are planned and scheduled.

STAGE BAND

By audition and instructor approval. Students must be currently enrolled in or have been a member of Regiment for one season. **Students MUST also participate in the Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band while participating in Stage Band. Placement in those groups is by audition and/or the DISCRETION of the director.** Stage band is open to those interested in learning and improving their jazz skills. This group will travel and perform at local and regional festivals as well as community events and basketball games.

Attire: Any student may obtain loaner items upon request.

Ladies: dress that extends below the knee, appropriate shoes and nylons.

Gentlemen: suit, long-sleeve dress shirt, long tie, dress shoes and socks.

SYMPHONIC BAND

Instructor approval required. Students must be currently enrolled in or have been a member of the Regiment for one season. Symphonic Band provides mature students with the opportunity to perform challenging literature while refining their instrumental music skills. During the fall, this class will review Regiment materials as necessary. This ensemble will perform at local and regional festivals and may take trips as necessary.

Attire: Any student may obtain loaner items upon request.

Ladies: semi-formal black dress that is ***floor length***, black dress shoes, black nylons.

Gentlemen: black suit, long-sleeve white shirt, black long tie, black dress shoes, black socks.

WIND SYMPHONY (2nd semester group)

By audition and instructor approval. Students must have been a member of the Regiment for one season. This class meets during the “0” period. The premier instrumental music group at UHS, the Wind Symphony provides advanced students with the opportunity to perform college level literature at world-class venues such as the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

Attire Any student may obtain loaner items upon request.

Ladies- **formal floor length black dress**, black dress shoes and black nylons.

Gentlemen- black suit/tuxedo, black cummerbund, bow tie, long sleeve white shirt, black dress shoes and black socks.

WINTER GUARD (2nd semester group)

(COLOR GUARD and WINTER GUARD require a YEAR LONG Commitment)

By audition and instructor approved. Students must have been a part of the Regiment during the semester prior to auditions. These students perform in local and regional tournaments, as well as state championships.

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2020 Fall Performance Schedule

Sept. 4	Home Football game
Sept. 12	Parent Performance
Sept. 18	Home Football Game
Sept. 19	Parent Performance
Sept. 26	Bonita Tournament
Oct. 3	Warren or Mission Viejo Tournament
Oct. 9	Home Football Game
Oct. 16	Home Football Game
Oct. 17	WBA SoCal Super Show
Oct. 23	Home Football game
Oct. 24	RCC Big Orange Classic
Oct. 31	Tournament TBD
Nov. 6	CIF Football Game
Nov. 7	BOA Regional SoCal
Nov. 11	Performance 9am-11am
Nov. 13	CIF Football
Nov. 14	Trabuco Hills Tournament
Nov. 19	Bon Voyage Performance UHS
Nov. 20	CIF Football
Nov. 21-22	WBA Championships
Nov. 27	CIF Finals Football
Dec. 12	Upland Christmas Parade

I understand that a missed performance will lower my letter grade two full grades.

STUDENT _____

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PARENT _____

UPLAND HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Statement of Responsibility / Code of Conduct

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED AT REGISTRATION

Student's Name: _____
Please Print

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

I, the parent of the student listed above, acknowledge the rules and regulations that have been set forth in the 2020-2021 Syllabus. I further understand that all rules and regulations will be strictly enforced and any infractions may be dealt with by the Director, UHS Administration, and/or Upland Unified School District.

Parent's Name: _____
Please Print

Parent's Signature Date

Address: (if different from above):

Street City Zip Code

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Student's Signature Date