

Idaho State University Bengal Marching Band

Handbook

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WELCOME TO THE BENGAL MARCHING BAND!

The Bengal Marching Band is one of the most dedicated, visible, and energetic organizations at Idaho State University. We are excited to have you join our group. We are known for high-energy performances at both athletic and community events.

The band consists of Winds, Brass, Percussion/Drumline, Color Guard, and Bengal Dancers.

The faculty and staff are also here to help you adjust to a new role as a student at ISU. Please know that we want you to be successful on the field as well as the classroom. Tutoring is available for FREE to ISU students.

Bengal Marching Band
MUSP 1179 - 1 Credit
MWF 12:10pm-1:50pm
GAME DAY SATURDAYS: Morning Rehearsal TBA

ISU Faculty

Dr. Luke Strother, Director of Bands
Dr. Eddie Ludema, Trumpet
Dr. Shandra Helman, Music Department Chair

BENGAL BAND CAMP

The **Bengal Marching Band Camp** is the week before school begins. The camp is MANDATORY for all students. During this week, we develop both visual and musical skills, learn the Pre-Game Show, and start our first halftime show. A schedule will be posted on the website.

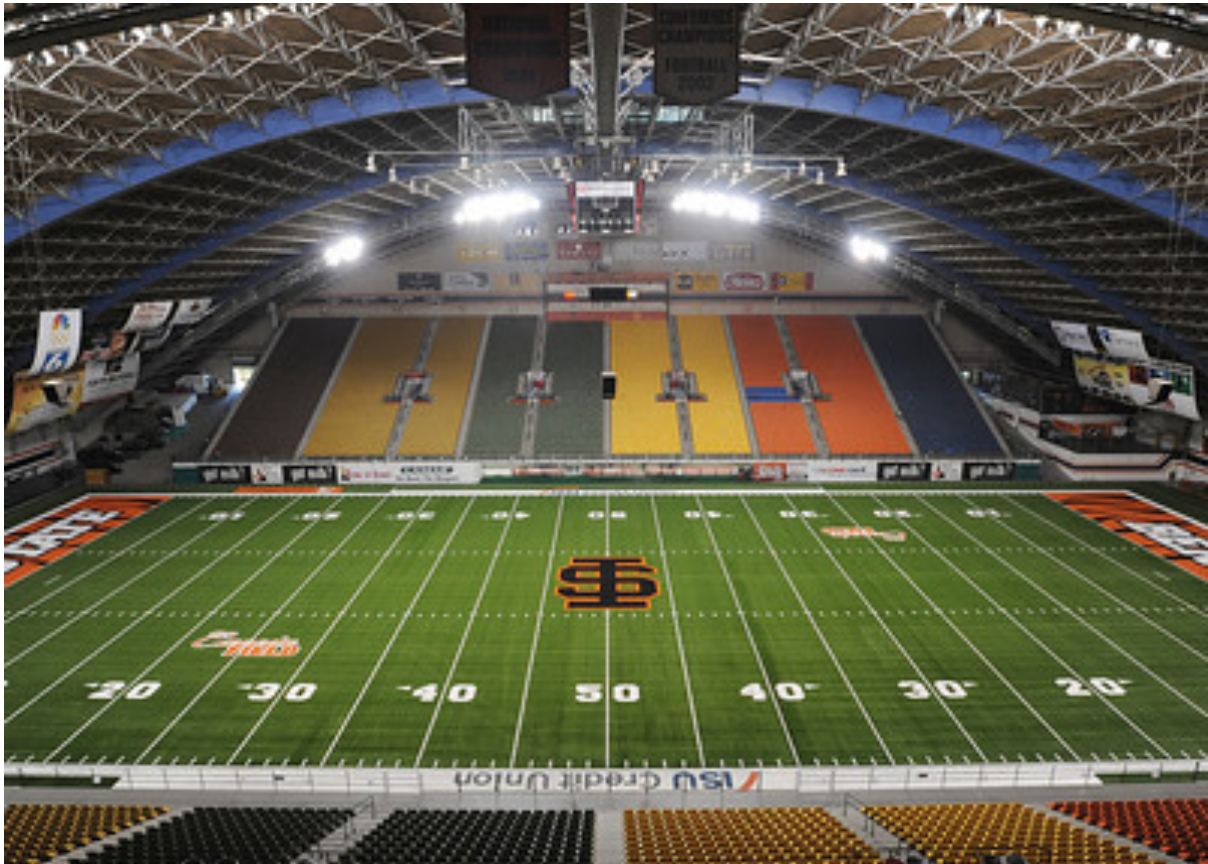
New Student Orientation: We make accommodations for freshmen to participate in the important New Student Orientation activities.

Housing & Food: Dorms will open early for all marching band students, and some meals are provided during camp times. Please use your NAME TAG to get meals at Turner Hall.

Performances begin on the Sunday before classes start. Welcome Back Orange and Black is usually the first day of classes in Old Town Pocatello. Game and Performance schedule is posted on the website.

Kappa Kappa Psi - Honorary Band Fraternity

Founded in 1919 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Kappa Kappa Psi is the leading fraternity solely dedicated to supporting and developing college and university band programs. Kappa Kappa Psi has affiliation with over 210 college and university campuses across the United States of America. Guided by our values, mission and ritual, Kappa Kappa Psi is purposefully working towards our vision; **With a dedicated spirit of unity and cooperation, we are unequivocally committed to become the world standard of excellence for band fraternal organizations.** Collectively, Kappa Kappa Psi members are inspiring one another and all college band members to **Strive for the Highest.** For more information, please contact Chase Haage, KKPsi President.



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES AT ISU

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band meets MWF from 3:30-5pm in the Band Room during the fall. Open to all students looking to play interesting and challenging musical works. Conducted by Dr. Luke Strother

Wind Ensemble

Placement in the Wind Ensemble is by audition, and the music is very challenging. They meet MWF from 3:30-5pm in the Band Room during the spring. Conducted by Dr. Luke Strother

Civic Concert Band

The Civic Concert Band meets once a week on Wednesdays, from 6-8pm, and is conducted by Joe Babcock. This group is non-auditioned, and is open to anyone that plays a band instrument and can commit to attending the rehearsals.

ISU Jazz

The ISU Jazz program hosts several ensembles including the Big Band (T/TH 12-1:30), Chamber Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation, Recording Studio Production, and Jazz Combos. Contact Professor Jon Armstrong for audition information.

ISU Pep Band

The ISU Pep Band performs at Volleyball and Basketball games and community events from November through March. Rehearsals begin during Marching Band class time in November. Games are traditionally every Thursday and Saturday, starting in January, with a few games in December. Scholarship is available for this ensemble. Also, 33 members of this group travel to Reno in March for the Big Sky Basketball Tournament.

MORE:

ISU also hosts **Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Guitar, and String** ensembles for interested students. Contact the Applied Professor for more information.

Band General Rules

1. **EVERY REHEARSAL BEGINS ON TIME!**
 - A. 12:08 Drumline warms up. 12:10 Winds/Guard warms up. Saturday timelines will be announced. Please be prompt
 - B. This ensemble respects your time! No rehearsal runs over. You will always be dismissed promptly at 1:50
2. Cooperate fully with instructors, drum majors, and student staff.
3. **NEVER ASSUME** rehearsals or performances are cancelled. Check your **ISU EMAIL** for updates. Weather is not a factor in cancelling rehearsals, as the Holt Arena is an indoor facility.
4. Band members are responsible for being prepared with all music, instruments, and items needed for rehearsals and performances. Band members are responsible for memorizing their show music.
5. Only school owned instruments may be stored in the instrument room.
6. Students may use the restroom as needed. Preferably no more than two at a time. We may perform at any minute during the game. We do NOT take third quarter off. **NO EATING OR DRINKING IN UNIFORM**, other than water, which is provided.
7. Only band members are allowed in the band section. Sit with your section.
8. Drinking Alcohol (or other drugs resulting in intoxication) during rehearsals or performances will result in dismissal from the band, and University action.
9. When in uniform, your performance has begun. Be professional at all times.
10. The band cheers for the team during the whole game. All cheers must be appropriate. Profanity in the stands is not allowed, and band members must exhibit class at all times.
11. Unwelcome sexual advances, inappropriate behavior, or other verbal or physical conduct constitute harassment and will not be tolerated. Will result in disciplinary action by the university.
 - A. Students will be treated as adults, unless behavior indicates otherwise. The band depends on good behavior for increased opportunities to travel, perform, or represent ISU at major events.

Uniforms

You are responsible for the care and maintenance of your uniform. Uniforms should be hung in a closet after performances, not packed into a backpack. These uniforms are fairly new, and in fantastic shape. Please hang properly so they look as good as new all season.

Uniforms will be checked out to students in August, and will be returned in November.

If parts are lost or damaged, you will be responsible for the following replacement costs:

Coat	\$220	Bibbers	\$130
Gauntlets	\$65	Shako	\$60
Bag/Hanger	\$25	Hat Box	\$20
Guard Tunic	\$80	Guard Pants	\$40

Other Uniform rules:

1. Wear full uniform at all times. You will be told when it is permissible to remove parts.
2. Hair must go INSIDE the shako for parades and performances.
3. Shakos must always be pointed forward. Pick up a plume on your way to game warm-ups.
4. NOTHING may be added to a uniform without permission.
5. BLACK SOCKS. No other color is acceptable.
6. We march with Black Shoes. If you have appropriate (and clean) Black Marching Band Shoes, you do not need to purchase a new pair.
7. The official BAND T-SHIRT goes under the uniform during performances. If jackets come off, everyone will still be in uniform.



Travel Policy

When the band travels, you are expected to adhere to all appropriate general policies, as you are representing both the Bengal Marching Band and Idaho State University.

All normal travel is FREE for all Bengal Marching Band Students. Per diem may be given to each student to pay for meals.

Students of LEGAL age are allowed by law to consume alcohol as and adult, but only in appropriate designated areas, such as restaurants. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in hotel hallways or any inappropriate public place. SMOKING OR CONSUMING ALCOHOL on the bus is strictly forbidden. Public displays of intoxication will not be tolerated, and may result in loss of travel privileges or dismissal from the band.

The easiest way to cancel all future travel opportunities is to not follow the rules.

Instrument Policies

1. All instruments must be maintained and in good playing condition.
2. Cleaning materials are available in the instrument room. Please clean bells and equipment before performances.
3. Keep insides of instruments clean.
4. Treat ISU equipment as if it were your own. YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR DAMAGE/LOSS above normal wear and tear.
5. Use of percussion instruments determined by percussion instructor.

Check Out: Instruments will be checked out based on need and availability. If you need a school owned instrument, please make sure the director knows. ISU owns all marching based instruments such as Sousaphones, Mellophones, Marching Baritones, and Drumline. Students will need to provide reeds and cleaning supplies.

Check In: At the end of the season, all university owned instruments need to be returned to ISU. Please make sure the instrument is clean and in good working condition. Make sure all equipment (lyres, mouthpieces, etc.) are returned. Instruments are returned after the last football or basketball game.

Music: All music and drill will be uploaded to the FlipFolder app, so a charged phone is required at every rehearsal and performance. Recordings and drill animations will be shared from the ISU Google Drive.

Grading Policy

ISU ensembles perform their best when everyone is attending rehearsals regularly. Your final grade will be a culmination of attendance, punctuality, and effort at rehearsals, (Saturday included), and events. All performance dates will be posted on the Marching Band website.

Attendance

All absences must be approved by the band director. Students **MUST** email the director before the class begins to be considered unexcused. Most excused absences revolve around serious illness (i.e. you didn't attend any other classes), approved family emergencies, or Academic conflicts. Unexcused absences involve work conflicts, inability to arrive at rehearsal, parent requests, or non-academic conflicts (such as a club meeting). Leaving after a halftime performance is preferable to not making the game at all, and may be approved in emergency situations.

Grades*

A MAJOR performance includes all Home Football Games, Mountain West Festival, or outreach performance that involves marching a show on the field. These performances are mandatory.

MINOR performances (Welcome Back Orange and Black, Freshman Welcome Parade, Away Games, etc) are not for a grade, but we need a majority of students to attend.

Rehearsals include any MWF class time, and Game Day Saturday rehearsals. Call times for the game will also be announced.

Consider the entire season = 100 Points

Unexcused Rehearsal Absence = -5 points

Unexcused Performance = -15 points

90 – 100 points = A-, A

80 – 89 points = B-, B, B+

70 – 79 points = C-, C, C+

60 – 69 points = D

Below 59 = F

*Grading policy is currently under review with ISU Instrumental Professors and is subject to change.



“Growl Bengals Growl” ISU Fight Song

Growl, Bengals Growl
Fight, Bengals Fight
Gnash your teeth and
Bare your claws and
Drive with all your might!
Roar, Bengals roar,
You decide our fate
Bring the vict'ry home to us,
You Bengals of Idaho State

I S U
ISU Fight, ISU Fight, ISU Fight
Go, Go, Go Bengals Go!