

Grand Valley State University Basketball Pep Band
MUS 111-01 / Winter 2025

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- I. SCHEDULE** (Refer to 2025-26 Basketball Pep Band Schedule)
- II. AUDITIONS/MEMBERSHIP/CREDIT**
- A. Auditions will be held for all instruments.
- B. Members enroll for credit in MUS 111-01 / Winter Semester.
- III. OBJECTIVES**
- After successful completion of the course, a student will be able to:
- perform independently and in groups, a variety of wind repertoire
 - perform with appropriate aesthetic sensitivity, musical knowledge and ensemble performance skills
 - demonstrate and utilize correct rehearsal skills.
- IV. ATTENDANCE/STIPENDS/GRADES**
- A. All students are required to attend ALL scheduled rehearsals and performances unless excused by the Director.
- B. All student members of the GVSU Basketball Pep Band will receive a \$575 stipend. Students must the hiring process by November 17, 2025.
- C. Pep Band grades are based upon attendance and preparation. An unexcused absence from rehearsal will reduce your grade by one letter per absence. An unexcused absence from a performance will reduce your grade to an "F." Two (2) late arrivals to a rehearsal or performance will be considered an unexcused absence. Any student member who is dismissed for disciplinary actions will receive a course grade of "F." Upon failure, a student may not participate in rehearsal, perform, or travel with the Pep Band.
- D. All Pep Band Members are REQUIRED to report ON TIME (30 minutes before the scheduled game time) to the designated warm-up area.**
- V. SUBSTITUTION POLICY**
- Pep Band members are expected to perform at all events, performances, and trips as dictated by the season schedule or as announced by the Director. If any member has a conflict of any kind, they must complete the following steps:
- A. Find a substitute replacement of the same instrument/part.
- B. Complete an official "Sub-Contract Form" and return it to the Director three (3) days in advance of the conflict date. Sub-Contract Forms are available on-line at <https://www.gvsu.edu/mtd/basketball-pep-band-56.htm> . All "Sub-Contract" forms must be approved by Director.
A limit of six (6) "sub-contracted" games per member for both the Women's and Men's games. This is NOT CULMINULATIVE! Any conflict after the sixth will result in dismissal from the Pep Band.
- C. Compensate the substitute for their service.
(\$25.00 per service – Member's responsibility).
Any member who fails to acquire a substitute will be subject to loss of stipend for the services missed. If a member has contracted a substitute and the substitute does not attend, the original member will be assessed an additional penalty fee of \$25 from their stipend.
- VI. POST-SEASON PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**
- All members of the Pep Band are responsible for post-season/tournament performances. Rosters will be assigned by the Director in advance of the performance. The \$575 stipend includes all post-season games.
- VII. UNIFORM**
- The uniform consists of: GVSU Basketball Pep Band Shirt (provided); Tan/Khaki Pants; Tennis Shoes. OR other uniform indicated by Director.

WITHDRAWL

75% Drop deadline: February 6 / Last day to drop with a "W": March 27

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Any ideas or material taken from another source for either written or oral presentation must be fully acknowledged and offering the work of someone else as one's own is plagiarism. The language or ideas taken from another may range from isolated formulas, sentences, or paragraphs to entire articles copied from the internet, books, periodicals, speeches, or from the writings of other students. The offering of materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgement also is considered plagiarism. Any student who fails to give credit in written or oral work for the ideas or materials that have been taken from another is guilty of plagiarism. Please familiarize yourself with the GVSU Student Code [Section 223.01] related to academic integrity.

DISCLOSURE OF DISABILITY

If you need academic accommodation because of learning, physical, or other disability, please contact Disability Support Services (DSS) at (616) 331-2490. A student in need of course adaptation or accommodation because of disability must notify the instructor at the first class. Students with emergency medical needs or in need of special arrangements in case of building evacuation should make the instructor aware so a plan can be developed for you.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), students must authorize contact between faculty members and their parents/guardians.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution. It encourages diversity and provides equal opportunity in education, employment, all of its programs, and the use of its facilities. It is committed to protecting the constitutional and statutory civil rights of persons connected with the University. Members of the University community, including students, employees, faculty, staff, administrators, Board members, consultants, vendors, others engaged to do business with the University, candidates for employment or admissions, and visitors or guests have the right to be free from acts of harassment and discrimination, including sexual misconduct, as defined by this policy. In accordance with applicable federal and state law and this policy, acts of discrimination or harassment by members of the campus community are prohibited if they discriminate or harass on the basis of age, color, disability, familial status, height, marital status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex/gender (including gender identity and expression), sexual orientation, veteran or active duty military status or weight. This includes inappropriate limitation of, access to, or participation in educational, employment, athletic, social, cultural, or other university programs and activities. The University will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. Limitations are lawful if they are: directly related to a legitimate university purpose, required by law, or lawfully required by a grant or contract between the university and the state or federal government. For the purposes of this policy, sex-/gender-based harassment includes sexual misconduct, sexual assault, interpersonal or relationship violence, and stalking.

UNIVERSITY POLICY STATEMENT

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