

## ***Policies***



As a member of the UNH Beast of the East Band, you represent the Department of Music, the University of New Hampshire, and the State of New Hampshire at all times while with the band. Please always keep this in consideration when making decisions regarding your appearance, speech, and behavior. Also remember that during each game you are “on stage” the entire time. With thousands of fans, any number of eyes could be on you at any time. Make smart choices.

### Rehearsals/Performances

Members of the Beast of the East Band are expected to attend all rehearsals and cover all assigned performances. Unexcused absences from rehearsals will negatively impact your grade. We have very few rehearsals, so your attendance at each one is vital. Failure to send a suitable substitute to an assigned game in your absence will also negatively impact your grade.

### Course Grade

Members of the Beast of the East Band are expected to register for the course for either 0 or 1 credit each semester. For every assigned game that you miss without sending a substitute, your grade will be lowered one degree. Your grade will also be lowered one degree (A to A-) for each rehearsal you miss. If you have difficulty finding a substitute for a performance, please contact the director as soon as possible and fill out a [game absence form](#). Excessive tardies or improper behavior will also negatively impact your grade.

### Uniforms

Unless otherwise indicated, the uniform for the Beast of the East Band will consist of the official UNH Beast of the East Band rugby shirt (clean) with clean unripped khaki pants. Baggy cargo pants and jeans are not permitted. Students are expected to own their own Beast of the East Band shirts and may order them [online](#). Any hats worn must be plain or UNH and in UNH colors (blue, white, silver, black). Permission to wear hats may be rescinded at any time. Face paint may be worn provided it is tasteful and does not in any way interfere with your playing ability. Other colors may be permitted for certain themed games. Navy and/or white scarves are permitted. Spirit is encouraged!

### Conduct

The UNH Beast of the East Band aims to contribute positively to the atmosphere at UNH athletic events. Members of the Beast of the East Band are not permitted to take part in derogatory, inappropriate, or otherwise unsportsmanlike cheers or activities. The band will cheer as a group, not as individuals. Again, remember that your actions reflect upon the band as a whole (and beyond). Students who fail to demonstrate proper conduct may be asked to leave the performance or may be removed from the Beast of the East Band and, as such, fail the course. Attending rehearsals or performances under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is forbidden and may constitute expulsion from the band and failure of the course.

## Game Procedures

The call time for hockey games is 45 minutes before the scheduled start time (sometimes earlier for big games). The call time for basketball is a half hour before the scheduled start time. This time is used to claim our seats before the doors open, to warm up and tune, discuss any issues for the upcoming game, sign in, and make sure everyone is there. Showing up late to the call time is disrespectful of your fellow band members who showed up on time, often causes seating issues, and may cause you to miss important information. It may also negatively impact your grade. If you must be late for some reason, please contact the director in advance of the game for approval. During the game, you are expected to have your instrument IN YOUR HAND ready to go at all times (except down times between periods/halves). You are expected to pay attention to the director so you are aware of what tunes are being called up. The conductors will use a tablet to convey important information to the band. We need to start the music quickly and often have only a short time to play, so instruments and music must be ready to go at all times. We use an App for sheet music so you must use a device with sufficient charge and/or bring a portable charger with you. All are expected to own and use a lyre or music stand. Phone clips will be signed out to you and must be maintained for future use and returned at the conclusion of the season or you must [pay for a replacement](#).

## Care of Equipment

Members who are using school-owned instruments are expected to treat these instruments with the utmost care. Instruments MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR CASES immediately following each game and stored properly ON OR UNDER a shelf (in its designated area). Percussion instruments must be stored and transported with the covers on them. If you choose to keep your instrument in your room, **it must be kept in its case**. If you share an instrument with someone in another ensemble, then your instrument may not be kept anywhere other than its assigned place. If you have access to the closet, you MUST close the door if you are the last one to leave and must return the key to its locker and lock the locker. Everyone who needs to access that room should have the combination, so do not leave the locker or door open or unlocked. You do not want to be held responsible for instruments and other equipment getting stolen. Failure to return your phone clip at the end of the season will result in a [replacement fee](#) (varies depending upon model).

## Violation

Violation of any of these policies may result in the subtraction of travel points (minor), lowering of your grade, or expulsion from the ensemble and failure of the course (major). Violation of university policy will be dealt with in accordance with university procedures.



## 2024-2025 CALENDAR

October	5	Saturday	TENTATIVE Stonehill (exhibition)	1 p.m.	MH	Volunteer
	<b>7</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>First Fall Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>ALL</b>
	12	Saturday	Bentley	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
November	28	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Second Fall Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>ALL</b>
	2	Saturday	Providence	4:30 p.m.	MH	White
	7	Thursday	TENTATIVE AE Semifinal Game		MS	Volunteer
	9	Saturday	LIU	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
	10	Sunday	TENTATIVE AE Championship Game		MS	Volunteer
	15	Friday	Northeastern	7 p.m.	MH	WMB ONLY
	18	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Third Fall Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>ALL</b>
	22	Friday	Maine	7 p.m.	MH	White
	29	Friday	RIT	7 p.m.	MH	Break
December	30	Saturday	RIT – TIME CHANGED DUE TO FOOTBALL	7 p.m.	MH	Break
	6	Friday	UConn	6 p.m.	WH	Blue
January	14	Saturday	US U-18 Team (exhibition)	7:30 p.m.	MH	White
	10	Friday	UConn	7 p.m.	MH	Break
	17	Friday	Boston University	7 p.m.	MH	Break
	<b>20</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>First Spring Rehearsal ON TEAMS</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>ALL</b>
	23	Thursday	Bryant	7 p.m.	MB	White
	24	Friday	Vermont	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
	25	Saturday	UMass-Lowell	1 p.m.	WB	Blue
			Vermont	7 p.m.	MH	White
<b>27</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Second Spring Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>ALL</b>	
30	Thursday	Maine	6 p.m.	WB	Blue	
February	6	Thursday	UMBC	7 p.m.	MB	White
	7	Friday	Boston College	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
	8	Saturday	NJIT	1 p.m.	MB	Blue
			Merrimack	7 p.m.	MH	White
	<b>10</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Third Spring Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>All</b>
	13	Thursday	Vermont	6 p.m.	WB	Blue
	14	Friday	Boston University	6 p.m.	WH	White
	15	Saturday	UMass-Lowell	1 p.m.	MB	Blue
	20	Thursday	Binghamton	6 p.m.	WB	White
	21	Friday	UMass	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
	22	Saturday	Albany	Noon	WB	White
<b>24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Fourth Spring Rehearsal</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b>		<b>All</b>	
27	Thursday	Maine	7 p.m.	MB	White	
March	1	Saturday	Boston College	7 p.m.	MH	White
	8	Saturday	UMass-Lowell	7 p.m.	MH	Blue
April	14	Monday	Final meeting	6:10 p.m.		All

**MH = Men's Hockey / WH = Women's Hockey (call time 45 minutes before @ Whittmore Center; 60 minutes for Maine)**

**MB = Men's Basketball / WB = Women's Basketball (call time 30 minutes before @ Lundholm Gym)**

### Playoff Dates

MH	Hockey East First Round	Campus	March 12
MH	Hockey East Quarterfinals	Campus	March 15
MH	Hockey East Tournament	Boston	March 21-22
MH	NCAA Regionals	Manchester	March 27-30
MH	NCAA Frozen Four	St. Louis	April 9-13
WH	Hockey East First Round	Campus	February 26
WH	Hockey East Quarterfinals	Campus	February 28
WH	Hockey East Semifinals	TBD	March 5
WH	Hockey East Finals	TBD	March 8
WH	NCAA Regionals	Campus	March 13-15
WH	NC Ice Hockey Championships	Minneapolis	March 21-23
WB	America East Quarterfinals	Campus	March 5
MB	America East Quarterfinals	Campus	March 8
WB	America East Semifinals	TBA	March 9
MB	America East Semifinals	TBA	March 11
WB	America East Finals	TBA	March 14
MB	America East Finals	TBA	March 15
MB/WB	NCAA First Round	TBA	March 17-23