

U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band FAQ

Q: How do I become a member of the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: Simply contact the athletics band office at 502-852-0224, or e-mail Mr. Greener at ajgree01@gwise.louisville.edu. They will be more than happy to supply you with all the information you need.

Q: Do I have to be a music major to participate in the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: No, you do not have to be a music major to participate. Typical collegiate athletic bands are comprised of 80 to 90 percent NON-music majors.

Q: Do I have to be in marching band to be in the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: No. While marching band is not a prerequisite, we encourage all students to participate in the U of L Cardinal Marching Band. However, ALL U of L students, regardless of major, are welcome to join the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band.

Q: What instruments are used in the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: Flutes/Piccolos, Clarinets, Alto & Tenor Saxophones, Mellophones, Trumpets, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas, Drum set with auxiliaries, Electric Bass.

Q: What if I don't own an instrument?

A: Tubas, Mellophones, Baritones, Trap set and electric amplifier will be provided by the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band. If your instrument is not listed and you still need one, we will make every effort to provide you with one.

Q: What events does the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band play?

A: The U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band performs at all home volleyball, men's & women's basketball games, as well as selected events for the majority of U of L's athletic teams (including soccer, swimming, field hockey, cross country, baseball, softball, track & field, etc.). You may find in your schedule you have time to perform at events other than volleyball and basketball. These events will usually be covered by a 10-15 piece band.

Q: How much time does the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band require?

A: Less time than you think. Rehearsals are held on Sunday evenings twice a month at 7:30 p.m. in Cardinal Arena. Band members will receive a schedule of performances prior to the beginning of the fall semester, including rehearsals and performances.

Q: Do I have to register for the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: No. Since this is an athletic department activity, no class credit will be offered. Music majors please note: PEP BAND IS NOT A REQUIRED CREDIT FOR GRADUATION.

Q: Will I get a stipend for being in the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: Other than men's basketball games, band members will receive \$20 for performing at most other U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band events.

Q: Will I get to travel with the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: Yes, there will be many travel opportunities for band members. In the past year, the band has traveled to Hartford, Conn., New York, Birmingham, Ala., Bridgeport, Conn., Charlotte, N.C., New Orleans and Indianapolis. The trips to Hartford and New York are annual events (for the Big East basketball tournaments). In addition, the band travels with the volleyball team to NCAA tournament matches, and plans to make trips with the soccer teams to their NCAA tournament matches.

Q: What does the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band do?

A: The pep band has two primary but equally important goals: to entertain the fans and support the U of L Cardinals AND the university as a whole. That support goes beyond just the field and court of play for the Cardinals. From playing basketball games to the Kentucky Derby post selection show on ESPN, the pep band is a very visible and versatile group.

Q: What styles of music does the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band play?

A: The band plays virtually all styles of music (from current Top 40 to country to traditional school songs), with the primary goal of entertaining fans of all age groups and being the "soundtrack" of the event. You will find the band's play list to be very different from that of most college bands. In addition, students are encouraged to suggest song ideas to the director; many of the band's current play list came from member's suggestions.

Q: What is the current status of alumni and community involvement with the U of L Cardinal Pride Pep Band?

A: During the 2007-2008 season, the band welcomed the participation of U of L alumni and community members. Our goal has always been for the band to be primarily composed of students. However, alumni and community members will still play a vital role in the group (especially to "fill in the gaps" during academic calendar breaks and performance conflicts with marching band events).

Q: How are travel bands rosters chosen for regular and post seasons?

A: Travel bands rosters are chosen from the following criteria:

1. Seniority—how long have you been a member of Cardinal Pride?
2. Attendance—are you reliable?
3. Instrumentation—needs of bands—especially when split for m/w tourneys
4. Attitude—are you a member in good standing?
5. Punctuality—are you on time?

All criteria will be judged on a point/check system, distributed to members before the first regular season basketball game.

Since our program has a mixture of students and alumni/community members, it is our goal to fill roster with students first. If alumni/community members are needed for numbers/instrumentation, they will be added.