

## **MISSION**

It is the mission of Mariachi Los Mineros to be ambassadors for the university, provide high quality artistic expression and entertainment, promote musical genres associated with the El Paso area, and further the educational goals of the University of Texas at El Paso.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Members will be defined as those are registered for mariachi class, and are in good standing with the University.

## **PARTICIPATION**

**Full Participation** — Full participation for all activities is permitted for all members who display perfect and prompt attendance at each rehearsal and performance, demonstrate a competent level of playing ability, memorize prescribed music by announced deadlines, observe and obey all rules of conduct, and display a constructive attitude in rehearsal and performance. The Director has the authority to deny a member full participation for reasons of attitude, attendance, or performance. The member may be reinstated only through the Director's permission.

**Limited Participation** — Limited Participation is permitted for those band members who have not attained Full Participation status. Limited Participation members are expected to display perfect and prompt attendance at each rehearsal and performance, demonstrate a competent level of playing ability, memorize prescribed music by announced deadlines, observe and obey all rules of conduct, and display constructive attitude in rehearsal and performance. A member may be promoted from Limited Participation to Full Participation status based on the discretion of the Band Director.

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Rehearsals** — Regular rehearsals will be Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Other rehearsals may be required due to special circumstances. Failure to attend rehearsals may result in Limited Participation status or dismissal from the ensemble. A member's grade, service award, and participation status will be affected (See Absences).

**Sectionals** — Members may be asked to attend sectional rehearsals. Failure to attend scheduled sectionals may affect service awards, grades, and/or participation.

**Performances** — Mariachi Los Mineros is a performing ensemble. Members need to maintain a flexible schedule that allows them to participate in numerous and various performances. Specific times for these activities will be announced during rehearsals. Failure to attend performances may result in Limited Participation status or dismissal from the ensemble.

## **ABSENCES AND TARDIES**

Unlike other academic classes, Mariachi Los Mineros is a group activity. When you are absent, regardless of reason, the other members of the organization are affected. Further, it is not possible to "make up" an absence from group activity through additional individual effort. Therefore, strict adherence to attendance is necessary in order for the band to have a successful season.

### **Excused Absences and Tardies**

Absences will be excused from any event for the reasons listed below.

- Religious holidays
- Personal illness with doctor's note
- Approved UTEP functions

**Emergency notification:** When an emergency situation arrives that may result in a tardy or absence, the student should notify the Director at once.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

1. The rules of the University of Texas–El Paso regarding classroom conduct will also apply to Mariachi Los Mineros rehearsals and performances. These include: no use of tobacco products, no use of alcohol, and no use of illegal drugs. Further, students are not allowed to participate in activities of hazing, obscenity, defamation, or harassment (including sexual harassment). Students who violate university policies in these matter may be dismissed from Band permanently and have their service awards revoked and may also be subjected to the authority of university or law enforcement officials. For more information, students should become familiar with the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures (<http://admin.utep.edu/hoop>)
2. Members of the ensemble are expected to treat the Directors, Section Leaders, and each other with respect. Abusive or insulting language will not be tolerated.
3. Members will only play the prescribed music at the prescribed time. Students who embellish or improvise the prescribed music, or play at times other than those prescribed, may have their Participation Status changed.
4. During trips the members of the ensemble must act as representatives and ambassadors of the University of Texas – El Paso. Therefore, all rules of the University and the band will be enforced from the time the band leaves campus until the time the band returns to campus.
5. Images, recordings, and communications related to official business of the Mariachi Los Mineros remain the property of the university and may not be duplicated (physically or electronically) without written consent of the Director.

## **SCHOOL INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS**

Members who are assigned uniforms or use school owned instruments are responsible for the care and security of these items. Any damage will be charged to the student. Instruments and uniforms will be returned to the director at the end of each academic year.

## **LOCKERS**

Instrument lockers are available for all members of the Mariachi Los Mineros. Students must register for a locker in the Music Office (Room 301) BEFORE placing a lock on a locker. All locks must be standard size...no small locks. Each student is allowed only one locker.

## **UNIFORM PROCEDURES**

1. Uniform — The Mariachi Los Mineros uniform consists of school issued jacket, vest, pants or skirt, belt, bow, specified shoes, black calf-length socks, and white shirt or blouse.
2. Excessive jewelry or make-up is inappropriate. Lip rings, eye rings, nose rings, and tongue studs are not appropriate.
3. When in public, always wear the ENTIRE uniform. Don't walk around in the parking lot with the coat removed. Smoking or drinking in uniform is not allowed.
4. Maintenance — The condition of the uniform is your responsibility. No major alterations of the uniform are allowed without permission of the Director. Please be aware of your own personal appearance.

## **TRAVEL**

1. When classes must be missed for out of town trips (or other performances) excuses will be written by the Director for presentation to your professors. It is your responsibility to make up any missed work.
2. Public opinion of the University of Texas at El Paso is based on the impression the performing group makes as a whole, as well as individual appearance and behavior. Do not be responsible for the reputation of UTEP being downgraded.

## **GRADING**

A grade of "A" represents more than just being in attendance. It represents superior attitude, effort, and outstanding contribution to the Mariachi Los Mineros. The Director is the final authority in assigning grades.