

LSU Colorguard Audition Day Process

12:00 noon: Report to the LSU Cotillion Ballroom

The Ballroom is located on the main level inside of the LSU Student Union. (www.lsu.edu/campusmap for the location of the Union).

Registration will take place outside of the ballroom entrance and will consist of filling out an application blank and selecting an audition number. From there, applicants will be allowed to enter the ballroom and stretch. The directors will briefly discuss the audition process and audition expectations and then the auditions will begin.

Individual Routines

After a short stretch, auditions will begin with each applicant presenting their original routine in number order. Make sure your music is on an audio-formatted CD labeled with your name and the track number of your song. Original routines should be one minute in length and primarily consist of flag work and body movement.

Technique Routine

After all original routines have been performed, all applicants will be called into the ballroom for the second portion of the process. A short technique routine will be taught to all applicants consisting of basic spins and tosses, as well as specific LSU-style moves and technique.

On-the-Spot Routine

Following the technique routine, applicants will be given an hour to learn the “on-the-spot” routine to be performed in groups for the judges. The routine will portray a field-show style routine in nature. Applicants should expect to see work on 45 degree planes, dance, body movement and contingencies, among other material.

After being taught the routine, applicants will perform the routine for the judges in small groups of 4-8.

Announcement of the 2011 LSU Colorguard

After all applicants have performed the on-the-spot routine, judges will tabulate scores from all parts of the audition process and the 2011-2012 LSU Colorguard will be announced. Members of the 2011 line will take a team picture and a short team meeting will be held.

Weigh-in and measurements

During the audition process, the Band Department’s seamstresses will be weighing and measuring each applicant. All applicants are weighed and measured for uniform fitting purposes.

Note: Auditions are a closed process

Only applicants are allowed to enter the audition area. Parents, family and friends are welcome to come for support but must remain outside of the ballroom while auditions are in progress.

Applicants should eat lunch before arriving. The LSU Union has a food court and there are other dining options near campus. Because of the fast pace of auditions, applicants cannot leave the immediate audition area and will not be able to go to the food court during auditions. Bring your own snacks and water!