

Unit Leader Course

- During this course of instruction you will receive classes on Arranging, Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal Techniques, Audition Standards, Library Management, Ear Training, Unit Logistics, Sound Reinforcement, Theory, March Forms, Line Writing, Conducting, Drum Major techniques, and individual instrument lessons. No prerequisite knowledge other than instrumental proficiency and the Theory and Ear Training received in the Basic Music Course is required.
- Uniforms: Check-In – Service Alphas
 - Daily – Utilities
 - Last Friday of the month – Service Bravo or Charlie (dependent on season)
 - Basic Course Graduations – Blue Charlie or Delta (dependent on season)
 - Green on green PT gear, Running Suit, Sweats
- This course is a Permanent Change of Station, a sponsor will be assigned from either the MARDET office or Advanced Academics. Single Marines will reside in barracks separate from the Basic Course students on base (single SNCO's can receive BAH-Own Right to reside out in town). Married Marines can submit for Base Housing or rent/buy in the area. Married Marines can return for the course as "Geographic Bachelor" depending on their family's needs, this will require additional preparation at the current duty station prior to detaching. If you reside off base it is recommended to find housing as close to the base as possible due to the potentially long hours of the course.
- Every student will be required to play to grade on their instrument. Depending on the instrumentation available in the Basic Course population, Unit Leader students will be required to play in ensembles for their fellow students.
- Materials for the course will be provided by the school (pens, pencils, paper, notebooks, music notation software, etc....) however, students can utilize personal equipment during the course.
- It is likely that your NMCI account will be placed into an inactive status after arriving for the course. Please take the time to back up any email correspondence or material on your personal drive before leaving your current duty station. Upon checking in you will still have access to your usmc.mil email address, if you lose this access we will create a navy.mil profile for you to use during your time here. Being on a Navy base if you lose access to your usmc.mil account due to inactivity it cannot be restored until you return to a Marine base.
- Parking for students is in either the Shields Hall or Bowling Alley parking lot. The lot directly in front of the school is reserved for Staff and Faculty due to sharing the lot with two other buildings.