



# MARCHING BAND

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## Carolina Coquette Auditions – Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who are the Coquettes?**

The Carolina Coquettes dance team is an elite and integral visual component of the Carolina Band, and a prominent organization on the UofSC campus. Comprised of experienced dancers from across the United States, the Carolina Coquettes perform with and are fully part of the Carolina Band, performing at all functions in a variety of styles ranging from jazz and high kick to pom.

The Carolina Coquettes rehearse daily throughout the fall season and members are selected through a highly competitive audition process in the spring before each football season. Members participate in all rehearsals and performances and receive a scholarship for their participation in the Carolina Band.

### **What should I wear at the clinic(s) or auditions?**

Performance half top, dance shorts with tights or hot pants, and jazz shoes or non-marking tennis shoes. Post earrings are acceptable. Otherwise, NO JEWELRY. Be sure to bring water and a light snack.

### **What is required before audition day?**

Before the day of auditions, please make sure you register through our website. The form can be found [HERE](#). Audition day is set. There are no additional dates or make up dates. Unless you are participating in a UofSC study abroad program or partaking in a conflicting UofSC program or event, there are NO VIDEO AUDITIONS. If you are involved in a UofSC program or event that corresponds with our audition day, please email [uscbands@mozart.sc.edu](mailto:uscbands@mozart.sc.edu) to approve a full video audition submission. The video audition must be approved and sent prior to 9 AM Eastern Time on April 18, 2020. If doing a video submission, it should include a quick introduction of yourself, individual technique (listed below), USC Fight Song, and the audition jazz routine. Both routines will be sent along with your approval. The video should be recorded from start to finish without edits.

### **What is required at auditions?**

Auditions will consist of an interview and a judged dance portion. If you did not sign up for an interview time when you registered, please do so <https://coquettesdanceteaminterviews.youcanbook.me>. Below are the interview requirements:

- One Page Dance Resume
- Headshot Photo (please be a copy as this will not be returned)
- Dress is business casual. Please look professional but also show your own style.

The dance portion of auditions will consist of a one minute group routine taught that morning that includes pom and jazz elements, and the USC Fight Song routine. You will be judged on sharpness of motions, technical skills, and overall style and performance. You will also be required to show the following technique:

- Double Pirouette (right and left)
- Grand Jete Leap
- Leap in Second or Switch leap
- Turns in Second- three turns into double pirouette
- Calypso
- Split
- Extension of Choice
- Showcase Sequence

### **During auditions, will there be a lunch break/water?**

There will be breaks. Please bring snacks or light lunch as you will not have the opportunity to eat any other time. Please bring a water bottle. There are water fountains in the facility, but you will need water throughout the day.

**Does everyone make the team? Are there alternates?**

Eighteen students will make the team. Some may be offered additional spots as alternates. Alternates are evaluated throughout the season and on a game by game basis.

**When will I find out if I made the Coquettes?**

You will be notified within the week with results. We will post numbers on the website and send an email to the address you provide on your registration form.

**Are there any fees? What type of scholarship is offered?**

For members, all uniforms, backpack, and camp apparel is provided by the band. There is a fee payment for additional items (warm-ups, jazz shoes, tights, and optional apparel). All fees must be submitted to the band office with your member registration that will be emailed to members by July 1. Fees range from \$175-375 for the season. All members receive a scholarship for participating in the band. Out-of-state members qualify for a tuition reduction, and that information is included in the member packet as well.