

**Department of Music**

**Instrumental Ensembles**



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Name \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

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Name of High School/College \_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instruments Played \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend Northwest  yes  no

I have not selected a college

Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

I am transferring from another college/university:  
 If yes, please answer the following:

Transferring from: \_\_\_\_\_

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Trimester/year of planned enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following:

Bearcat Marching Band  Jazz Ensemble

Bearcat Pep Band  Studio Jazz Ensemble

Wind Symphony  Orchestra

Symphonic Band  Chamber Ensembles

I am a former:  Music Camper

Four state Participant

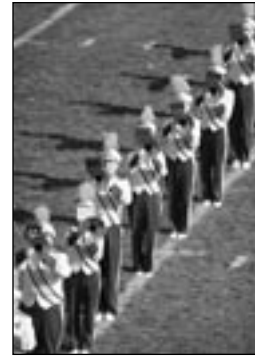


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**Instrumental Ensembles at Northwest**

*Bearcat Marching Band*

The Bearcat Marching Band: The Musical Pride of Northwest presents pre-game and halftime shows at all Northwest home football games and at one or two off campus games and exhibitions. This band is one of the most visible ensembles in the Department of Music and is the largest student organization on campus. Comprised of students from nearly every major within the University, this ensemble combines quality musicianship, Bearcat spirit, pride, and dedication to create their uniquely recognized gridiron excitement.



Enrollment is open to woodwind and brass players. Auditions for the Bearcat Drumline and Northwest Flags are held the week prior to the start of the fall trimester. The BMB meets one week prior to the start of the fall trimester for a preparatory camp. Please contact the Director of Bands for further information regarding this ensemble.

The Bearcat Marching Band (19-110-01 or 19-111-01, 1 hour credit) rehearses Monday through Friday from 4:10-5:15 p.m. (fall).



*Bearcat Pep Band*

The Bearcat Pep Band is an auditioned scholarship ensemble that performs for the men's and women's basketball teams. This band performs 20-25 services during the season (November-March). Admission to this ensemble requires one trimester of participation in the Bearcat Marching Band and a successful audition. Also comprised of students from nearly every major within the University, this organization combines quality musicianship, Bearcat spirit, pride and dedication to add the spirit of Bearcat basketball.

Auditions take place in mid-to late October with preparatory rehearsals during Bearcat Marching Band class time (see above). Positions are available on an as-needed basis. Please contact the Director of Bands for further information regarding this ensemble.

*Wind Symphony*

The Northwest Wind Symphony is the Department of Music's premiere instrumental ensemble. This 55-60 member wind and percussion ensemble performs the very best of the wind band standards and the most recent repertoire from all stylistic periods. In addition to works for full band, this ensemble performs a variety of chamber winds literature. This ensemble actively commissions and

premieres new works, performs with guest soloists and conductors of national standing, and with various other ensembles both on and off campus. The Wind Symphony regularly tours the four state region and takes an extended tour once every four years. Enrollment in the Wind Symphony is based on a successful audition for the Director of Bands each fall term. Auditions are held the weekend prior to the fall trimester. Please contact the Director of Bands for further information regarding this ensemble.

The Wind Symphony (19-209-01 or 19-210-01, 1 hour credit) rehearses Tuesday and Thursday from 12:35-1:50 p.m. (fall and spring).

## *Symphonic Band*

The Northwest Symphonic Band is a 100-120 member wind and percussion ensemble that performs two concerts in the spring trimester. Performing the standard literature written for the large wind band, this ensemble presents a variety of musical selection with selected guest artists and student conductors.

Enrollment in the Symphonic Band is open. Students from all majors are invited to participate. A short playing evaluation is performed during the first class meeting to help determine proper part assignments. Please contact the Director of Bands for further information regarding this ensemble.

The Symphonic Band (19-115-01 or 19-116-01, 1 hour credit) rehearses Monday and Thursday from 4:05-5:10 p.m. (spring).



## *Jazz Ensemble*

The Northwest Jazz Ensemble is the premiere jazz ensemble at Northwest. This standard big band performs the very best big band music from a

variety of styles. The Jazz Ensemble performs many concerts on and off campus each year, including appearances at the Missouri Quality Award ceremonies and at the Missouri Music Educators Convention. This ensemble actively commissions/premieres new works and performs with guest soloists of regional and national standing. The Jazz Ensemble regularly tours the four-state region and takes an extended tour once every four years.

Enrollment in the Jazz Ensemble is based on a successful audition for the Jazz Ensemble director each fall term. Auditions are held the weekend prior to and the first two class days of the fall trimester. Please contact the Jazz Ensemble director for further information regarding this ensemble.

The Jazz Ensemble (19-205-01 or 19-206-01, 1 hour credit) rehearses Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00-12:50 p.m. (fall and spring).

## *Studio Jazz Ensemble*

The Northwest Studio Jazz Ensemble is a big band primarily designed as an introduction to the jazz style and improvisation. This ensemble performs several concerts on campus annually. Music education students who play secondary instruments or desire to work on doubling skills are strongly encouraged to participate in this ensemble.

Enrollment in Studio Jazz Ensembles is open to students of all majors. Auditions are held the weekend prior to and the first two class days of the fall trimester. Please contact the Jazz Ensemble director for further information.

The Studio Jazz Ensemble (19-205-02 or 19-206-02, 1 hour credit) rehearses Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-1:50 p.m. (fall and spring).

## *Orchestra*

The Northwest Orchestra is the newest of our large ensembles. This chamber orchestra performs one concert per trimester and is open to all students on campus, regardless of major. Musical selections range from the Baroque to the Modern periods, with a



varied mixture of styles. Frequent guest artists include conductors, soloists and featured ensembles.

Enrollment in the string section of the orchestra is based on a playing interview conducted at the first rehearsal with the orchestra conductor and string coach. Wind and percussion auditions are conducted at the beginning of the fall trimester with the Director of Bands. Please contact the Director of Bands and Orchestra for further information regarding this ensemble.

The Northwest Orchestra (19-118-01 or 19-119-01, 1 credit hour) rehearses Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (fall and spring). String sectionals will be held Thursdays from 4:00-4:50 p.m.

## *Chamber Ensembles*

Various chamber music opportunities exist in the Department of Music at Northwest. These ensembles meet at a time that is convenient for the members of the ensemble and are coached by one of our distinguished faculty members in the area of their expertise. Our standing chamber music ensembles include Clarinet Quartet, Saxophone Quartet, Flute Choir, Woodwind Quintet, Brass Quintet, Horn Choir, Trumpet Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and String Quartet.

Please feel free to contact any of the faculty regarding your interest in these ensemble options.

## Northwest Missouri State University is a proven, innovative leader in offsetting the rising costs of higher education.

**ACTIVITY CREDIT** for large performing ensembles. You may choose to take all Department of Music ensembles for activity credit, equivalent to a tuition fee remission. The course and grade appear on your academic record and count toward your chosen degree plan, but the course grade is not factored in your total G.P.A.

**APPLIED LESSONS:** At Northwest your applied lessons DO NOT carry additional instructor or lab fees. Your total cost is for the hours of credit enrollment only.

**ACCOMPANISTS:** The Music Department of Northwest provides a staff accompanist for student recital performances, lessons and juries free of charge.

**Lockers:** No Charge!

**Practice Rooms:** No Charge!

**Music Tech Lab:** No Charge!

**Equipment Usage:** No Charge!

## *OUR MISSION*

The Department of Music serves the University in three basic areas: general music education for all students, individual professional preparation for selected fields within the department, and cultural enrichment for both campus and community. The programs of the Department of Music provide majors with the needed skills to become highly successful in their chosen professions. The department is especially committed to excellence in public school music, comprehensive programs are also available in vocal and instrumental music education. These programs provide instruction in private study, music theory/literature, and methodology applicable to teaching at the elementary and secondary levels.