

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AT WAKE FOREST

The Department of Music at Wake Forest University offers a variety of opportunities for performance in instrumental music ensembles. Each year over 300 students participate in instrumental music ensembles at Wake Forest. We encourage you to broaden your musical experiences by joining the ensembles which best suit your interests.

University Orchestra - MUS 113

The University Orchestra is a select group open to all university undergraduate and graduate students by audition. Auditions are held at the beginning of the fall semester each year although an audition may be held in the spring for members entering at the second semester. Full orchestra meets once a week with the strings of the orchestra meeting for an additional rehearsal each week. Two concerts are given each semester, including an annual spoof concert done in costume at midnight on Halloween and a concert in the spring featuring winners of a concerto competition held each November. Students may receive one credit hour for each semester of participation by registering for Music 113.

University Wind Ensemble – MUS 118

The University Wind Ensemble is the select wind/percussion ensemble on campus, and is open to all university undergraduate and graduate students by playing evaluation. Additionally, the Wind Ensemble serves as the pool of players from which the wind section of the University Orchestra is selected. Primary auditions are held before the fall semester of each year, although some auditions may be held at the beginning of the spring semester to fill vacancies. The Wind Ensemble rehearses twice weekly during the fall and spring semesters. Repertoire includes the highest quality of music available for winds and percussion, and the ensemble performs one or two concert each semester. Students may receive one credit hour for each semester of participation by registering for Music 118.

Jazz Ensemble – ‘Old Gold Jazz Crew’ – MUS 121

‘Old Gold Jazz Crew’ is open to all students without audition, and varies in scope from jazz combo to ‘little big band’, depending on the membership. The group meets twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday), and performs one concert and other campus performances each semester. Students may receive one credit hour each semester by registering for Music 121.

Spirit of the Old Gold and Black Marching Band – MUS 128 (fall semester)

The Spirit of the Old Gold and Black Marching Band performs weekly during the fall semester before large audiences at Atlantic Coast Conference football games. No audition is required for participation in Marching Band; however, students are required to attend marching band camp prior to the beginning of the fall semester. During the

semester, the band rehearses twice weekly and performs pregame and halftime routines for all home football games and selected road games. Members may receive one credit hour for each semester of participation by registering for Music 128, Athletic Band I. Cash stipends are available for all third and fourth year Marching Band members.

Basketball Bands – MUS 129 (spring semester)

In the fall, pep band for men's and women's basketball is a subset of MUS 128, Athletic Band I. In the spring, students interested in playing for basketball games can register for MUS 129, Athletic Band II, for .5 credit. Prerequisites for MUS 129 are participation in MUS 128 the previous semester, or current participation in any other music department ensemble. Traveling tournament bands are selected by the following criteria: instrumentation, seniority, attendance at home basketball games, and participation in other university music ensembles, with first preference given to those who play both semesters. Members may receive .5 credit hour for each semester of participation by registering for Music 129, Athletic Band II.

Individual Instruction

Individual instruction is available for an additional fee each semester on all string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments, as well as piano, classical guitar, harp, and electric bass. Students may register for a weekly thirty minute lesson for \$325/semester, or for a one hour lesson for \$650/semester.