Why Choose The UMD Bands?

• We have nine different ensembles, each with varying skill levels and musical focuses that can meet your interests and schedule.

• All students will perform annually scheduled concerts.

• The programs allow you to perform and further your musicianship, and learn new instruments.

• All academic majors are represented within the band, including both music and non-music majors. More networking opportunities are available through the Mighty Sound of Maryland than any other organization on campus.

• Maryland Bands are the perfect place to meet new friends with similar interests and experiences and help make this large campus seem smaller.

• You can travel around the country supporting major Division I NCAA athletic teams with the marching and pep bands.

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University of Maryland Bands

The University of Maryland Band program is one more reason to make the University of Maryland, College Park your university.

The bands offer you a unique opportunity to hone your musicianship while playing music you love. With nine different ensembles, you are sure to find a band that matches your skill level, schedule, and musical interests.

The University of Maryland Bands are open to students from all majors throughout the campus. Students from all disciplines take advantage of the opportunities for musical growth and enjoyment that the bands offer.

The band program plays a key role in bringing together a diverse group of students and instilling the dedication and passion needed to succeed in the collegiate environment.

Concert Ensembles

The University of Maryland Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and University Band offer both majors and non-majors the opportunity to perform musical works that are enjoyable and at a level that matches their ability.

Auditions for the ensembles occur the first week of each semester.

Jazz Ensembles

The three jazz ensembles – Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and University Jazz Band – provide both music and non-music majors with an exciting and dynamic environment for participating in this classic American art form.

Members of the jazz bands will learn improvisation techniques and perform many times during the semester. Chairs in all three groups are filled by open auditions.

Athletic Bands

The Mighty Sound of Maryland Marching Band and the Basketball Pep Band provide students with a unique chance to be part of the proud University of Maryland tradition. Members actively support the home football and basketball teams while entertaining the crowds at sold out arenas. This fun and exciting environment provides students with the chance to improve their music skills and enjoy performing while making lasting friendships along the way. The Mighty Sound of Maryland also offers travel opportunities not available to most college students.

Anyone with musical experience may join the marching band. Auditions for pep band are held in the fall semester, and participation is limited to those enrolled in marching band.