

music ensembles

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The following organizations are open to all university students for one hour of graded credit per semester. You do not need to be a music major to participate.

Bands

UNI Panther Marching Band (MUS ENS 1180)

Our largest and most powerful organization with performances at every football game in the Dome. Pep bands for football, volleyball and basketball teams are also an option.

Contact: Justin Mertz

(319) 273-2025 | justin.mertz@uni.edu

Meeting times: fall semester,

M/W 6:30-8:30 p.m., F 3-4:30 p.m.

UNI Jazz Bands and Jazz Combos

(MUS ENS 1160)

There are three jazz bands and several combos available to students. UNI's jazz program is known throughout the country and has received multiple Downbeat awards.

Contact: Chris Merz

(319) 273-3077 | chris.merz@uni.edu

Meeting times: T/Th 1-2:50 p.m.

(various times for combos)

Northern Iowa Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Concert Band

(MUS ENS 1150)

From one of our internationally recognized wind bands to standard concert band ensembles, our band program offers multiple opportunities for students to be involved in performing the best wind literature from around the world.

Contact: Danny Galyen

(319) 273-2025 | danny.galyen@uni.edu

Meeting times: Wind Ensemble – M/W 1-2:50 p.m.

Symphonic Band – T/Th 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Concert Band – M/W 5:10-6:45 p.m.

Orchestra

Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra

(MUS ENS 1170)

The Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra is comprised of the finest undergraduate and graduate students at UNI. The ensemble recently toured Brazil, and has performed such masterworks as Mahler's Symphony No. 1 and John Adam's Harmonium. NISO performs opera, musicals and choral/orchestral works as well as the standard orchestral repertory.

Contact: Erik Rohde

(319) 273-6272 | erik.rohde@uni.edu

Meeting times: M/W/F 3:10-5 p.m.

Opera

Opera (MUS ENS 1190)

Offering several performance opportunities throughout the year, the opera program features an ensemble, as well as individual performance opportunities in full productions or scenes concerts.

Contact: (319) 273-2024 | music@uni.edu

Meeting times: Every weekday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.



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Choirs

Concert Chorale (MUS ENS 1100-02)
 Concert Chorale is a select mixed-voice ensemble open to all students on campus by competitive audition. Concert Chorale tours both internationally and domestically.
Meeting times: M/W/F 2-3:20 p.m.

Cantorei (MUS ENS 1100-09)
 Cantorei is a small ensemble that focuses on developing choral artistry and musical fluency through a wide variety of chamber music. Repertoire is selected from a broad range of choral literature, including both sacred and secular music, spanning from the Renaissance through contemporary periods of music history.
Meeting times: W/F 1-2 p.m.

Varsity Glee Club (MUS ENS 1100-05)
 The UNI Varsity Glee Club performances regularly sell out the Great Hall of the GBPAC. Every other year, the Glee Club tours internationally and its membership is drawn from all majors on campus.
Meeting times: M/W 6-7:50 p.m.

Cecilians (MUS ENS 1100-04)
 Cecilians holds the distinction of being the longest ongoing performance tradition on campus. A treble singers chorus that tours internationally, Cecilians is available to all majors.
Meeting times: M/W/F 3:30 – 5:20 p.m.

Contact: John Wiles
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Small Ensembles

When you get involved in music at UNI, you're not only able to join a larger ensemble and play with dozens of other student musicians, you're also offered the chance to participate in smaller, more specialized ensembles. Recent small ensemble offerings have included clarinet ensemble, flute choir, horn choir, percussion ensemble, taiko drum ensemble, trombone choir, tuba/euphonium ensemble, West African drum ensemble, chamber music groups, new music ensemble, laptop ensemble, and more. If you're interested in the meeting times or audition process for these ensembles, please contact music@uni.edu for more information.

For general questions about ensembles at UNI, music scholarships, auditions and more, please contact us at music@uni.edu or (319) 273-2024.