Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in the Hawkeye Marching Band! Earning a spot in this organization is only the beginning of an amazing journey throughout your time at the University of Iowa. The HMB is made up of 250 Hawkeye musicians who perform on piccolo, clarinet, tenor and alto saxophone, trumpet, mellophone, trombone, baritone, sousaphone, and in the drumline. Membership in the HMB is by audition only. Auditionees will be judged on musical ability, attitude, and work ethic. We look forward to meeting you at your audition, and as always -- GO HAWKS!

Interested in Auditioning for the Hawkeye Marching Band?

1. Register for summer orientation through the University of Iowa. You will audition for the Hawkeye Marching Band at the end of your orientation session.

2. Fill out your intent to audition form online.

   Contact Information // Instrument
   High School Program // Your Summer 2019 Orientation Session Dates

   Someone from the UI Bands office will contact you to confirm your audition.

   Your audition will take place at the Voxman Music Building. (see map below)

   Be prepared to demonstrate the following on your instrument:

   2-3 minutes of prepared music that demonstrates technical and lyrical ability
   A short sight-reading example (played twice; once standing still and once while executing a basic “mark time”)

   You will be notified via email by mid-July 2019 of your audition results.

Things to Keep in Mind as You Prepare to Audition...

- You must provide your own instrument for the audition, unless you play baritone, mellophone, or sousaphone. If you need to borrow one of these instruments, please indicate so on your intent to audition form. Additionally, while piccolo players in the HMB must procure their own instrument, they are allowed to audition on either piccolo or flute.

- Students selected for membership in the Hawkeye Marching Band will be required to participate in our annual Band Camp the week prior to the start of classes. You will be required to move in to student housing on Sunday, August 18, 2019. UI Bands will cover the cost of your early move-in.

- All auditions must be completed by July 13, 2019. If you are a transfer student, or your orientation is scheduled for after this date, please email Dr. Bush immediately:
  eric-bush@uiowa.edu

- Tips for a successful audition experience:
  » Choose quality music you can play well (etudes, excerpts, and solos are best)
  » Practice with a metronome
  » Begin working on sight-reading immediately
  » Keep an active playing regiment throughout the late spring/early summer
  » If you are able, perform your audition ahead of time with a private teacher or band director
**Frequent Asked Questions**

**What are the basic membership qualifications?**
Basic rhythm and average technical facility are the primary qualifications. You do not have to be a music major, as non-music majors make up approximately 85% of the Hawkeye Marching Band. Most students with high school band experience qualify. As part of their degree program, all brass, woodwind and percussion Music Education majors must participate in the Hawkeye Marching Band during their first year in residence at Iowa.

**How do I enroll in the Hawkeye Marching Band?**
You can register for the Hawkeye Marching Band (MUS:3165:0001; 1 credit hour) during Summer Orientation. (You do not have to complete your audition prior to registering for the course.) Avoid conflicts with our rehearsal times. No class conflicts are allowed on Fridays.

**What is the time commitment for the Hawkeye Marching Band?**
The Hawkeye Marching Band rehearses 3:40 - 5:30PM Tuesday through Friday and on the days of home football games. We also have music rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00PM. Occasionally, our performance schedule will allow us to take some well-deserved time off during the season!

**How much does it cost to be a member of the Hawkeye Marching Band?**
Each member is assessed $87.40 to cover rehearsal attire and uniform maintenance. As part of this fee, all new members receive official uniform items such as t-shirts, running shorts and socks, hats, a first pair of spats, first pair of gloves, flip folio, and uniform dry cleaning throughout the season. Members are expected to provide a pair of black marching shoes (which can be ordered during band camp). Whenever we travel, each student’s meal costs, housing and transportation from Iowa City are provided by the athletic department or the host bowl organization.

**How are students graded for their participation in the Hawkeye Marching Band?**
UI Bands encourages and promotes academic excellence! Students are graded primarily on their attendance to all rehearsals and performances. Students can receive academic release time (to meet with a professor, attend a supervised review session, etc.) if pre-approved by the Director. (see handbook for additional details)

**Do I have to memorize all of my music?**
**Halftime** - No, except for piccolos and the drumline, members do not have to memorize their show music. The Hawkeye Marching Band usually performs six different halftime shows, in addition to the pregame music, various cheers and music in the stands. The use of flip folios is expected; In fact, writing your drill assignments on your music is required. All members use their folios in the stands during the game.

**Pregame** - Yes, the Hawkeye Marching Band memorizes all music for Pregame.

**Questions?** Email Administrative Assistant Kathy Ford at kathleen-ford@uiowa.edu, Director of the Hawkeye Marching Band, Dr. Eric W.Bush at eric-bush@uiowa.edu, or call the UI Bands office at 319 335 1635.