Welcome to the 2016-2017 Bands & Orchestra!

You are invited to become a member of some of Missouri S&T’s most exciting, fun, and challenging organizations. Whether you are an incoming freshman or a returning member, there is a place for you in one or more of the bands. Although there is not a Music Major program in place at S&T, you can get a Minor in Music. Most students, however, play in S&T ensembles to further their own musicianship, to take a break from classes, and to have fun! We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in Castleman Hall this year.

Freshmen: If you’re worried about the demands on your time, we encourage you to give us a try. Remember, Marching Band is about 5 hours per week and Wind Ensemble is only 90 minutes per week. These few hours a week will pay off as a feeling of pride, a sense of accomplishment, and many friendships are established. Please read on about our exciting offerings...

Class Conflict? — That’s Okay!

If you have a conflict with band rehearsal times because of Chem 1100, Trig Review, Chemistry or Physics Labs, Excel Workshops, or any other S&T class, you can still participate in band. More than half of the students playing in band have some sort of conflict – whether it’s having to come late after lab or having to leave early for an excel workshop. These do not count against your grade. Of course, you can’t be in band if you have to miss too much; the general rule of thumb is that you shouldn’t miss more than one rehearsal (or its equivalent) per week.

Special note to Chem 1100 (section D) participants: If you are taking this section of Chem 1100 during the first three weeks of class, you can still join band when it’s over. You should enroll in Section B of Chem 1100 so you will miss as little of band as possible. See Dave Cress when you arrive on campus to discuss arrangements.

Ensembles at S&T:

Note: Faculty directors reserve the right to hold auditions for admittance into an ensemble or for chair placement. Faculty directors will make this determination during the first week of classes.

Symphony Orchestra (University Orchestra, Music 1132-Section 3A)
Mondays, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
This full symphony features members from the S&T and Rolla area communities and plays the great masterworks of the baroque through contemporary eras. The first rehearsal will be held on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra (Instrumental Chamber Ensemble- Strings, Music 1134-Section 3A)
Thursdays, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Chamber Orchestra is a select group, primarily strings, but occasionally invites wind and percussion players to join for particular pieces. Chamber Orchestra can be seen performing at S&T Orchestra concerts. The first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.
Symphonic Band (Fall) (Music 1135-Section 3A)

Mondays, 4:00 pm-5:20 pm
The Symphonic Band performs the finest in traditional and contemporary wind literature for concert band. All interested players are invited to attend the first rehearsal will be held on Monday, August 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Symphonic Band (Spring) (Music 1135- Section 3A)

Tuesday – Thursday, 4:00 pm-5:20 pm
The Symphonic Band performs the finest in traditional and contemporary wind literature for concert band. In the Spring, Symphonic Band takes the place of Marching Band on the schedule.

Wind Symphony (Music 1130- Section 3B)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:00 pm-12:50pm
The Wind Symphony performs the finest in challenging wind literature from classical to contemporary composers. All interested players are invited to attend the first rehearsal on Monday, August 22 at 12:00 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble (Music 1136-Section 3A)

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
The S&T Jazz Ensemble is open to all S&T students. The class provides opportunities for students to perform contemporary and traditional big band music. Jazz Ensemble also provides students with the opportunity to perform instrumental solos (jazz improvisation) with the group. Singing with the ensemble is also another option available to S&T students. There will be a meeting for all students interested in Fall Jazz Ensemble on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 pm in the band room. Auditions will be held to determine lead players in the trumpet and trombone sections as well as players for the lead alto saxophone and tenor saxophone chairs. Auditions will also be held to determine jazz soloists for each song.

Individual Music Instruction (Music 1111/2111, sections 3B & 3C)

Lesson times are coordinated between instructor and student.
Section C - Dave Cress for Brass, Section B - Philip Conjerti for strings. Classes are available for lower and upper level. Dave Cress provides private instruction for brass players, jazz improvisation lessons, and drum set techniques. Contact Dave at cressdl@mst.edu if you have questions. Philip Conjerti provides private instruction for string instruments. Contact Philip at conserjtip@mst.edu if you have questions.

Pep Band

Basketball season (November – April)
Open to all students, no audition required
Rehearsal/performance schedule: TBA
This student-led ensemble plays exciting pop music at all S&T Men’s and Women’s Basketball games, during PRO Days, and at other events as requested. There is no audition required to participate in Pep Band. Additionally, students participating in Pep Band are not required to play in another ensemble at S&T. There is no class credit available for Pep Band.
Miner Marching Band (Fall) (Marching Band, Music 1131 – Section 3A)
Open to all students, no audition (or prior marching experience) required Tuesday – Thursday, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Extra rehearsals on Friday of football weekends
The Miner Marching Band will perform for all home football games. There are final show run-throughs the Friday before each football game performance (these typically run shorter than a regular rehearsal). Each halftime show is designed by an S&T MMB upperclassman. If you think that you won’t have time for marching band or think you have a class or lab conflict, talk to us - we will work with you.

All Musicians
Since range and tone quality will be important throughout the season, it will be to your advantage to arrive in good playing shape this fall, especially if you would like to play first part! Part assignments will be made by the MMB section leaders during band camp.

Miscellaneous
All woodwind players should stock-up on new reeds. Do not take this lightly! Bring good quality medium or hard reeds. All brass players should have a supply of valve/slide oil or an equivalent.

Marching Band Percussionists
The Miner Marching Band Drum Line consists of snares (matched grip), quads, tonal bass drums, cymbals, and pit players. All assignments will be made before the conclusion of band camp. Auditions (for part assignments only–not admission to the band) will be necessary only if there are more players for a particular instrument than spots available. Sticks and mallets will be provided for you, but you are encouraged to bring your own if you have them (Percussion audition material can be viewed by clicking this link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/if2mijqj68q6xxx/AAA4qeHOo5NCkm4Hlly-pk7zNa?dl=0).

Marching Band Color Guard
A fine addition to the Miner Marching Band is the Color Guard. The only requirement is that members are interested and enthusiastic. In the past they have welcomed people with years of experience to none at all, so anyone is free to check it out. The Guard practices with the band during marching rehearsals and has an occasional separate practice once a week. They are constantly seeking members to bring forth their ideas and looking for members who are interested in working with a wide variety of equipment. The standard equipment they currently use are mostly six-foot flags and rifles. However, their members are up to anything you are wanting to bring. So bring your energy and feel free to express your style!

!!! Early Residence Hall Move-In!!!
All returning, non-freshmen band members are permitted to move into the residence halls early. Click on the link to the Residential Life homepage: https://reslife.mst.edu/ click the “Early Arrival Request” link on the right
side of the page and fill out the form. **NOTE: The Band program will cover the cost of your early move-in.**

**What to bring to Marching Band**
Marching Band is physically demanding, so please bring clothing appropriate to the weather, especially a good pair of practice shoes. As you prepare for camp, remember the following:

1. **BRING WATER** - the humidity is almost dense enough to drink, but not quite
2. Closed-toed shoes are required
3. White reflects, black absorbs
4. Sunscreen is your friend
5. Lyres
6. Flip folders
7. Mouth pieces
8. Black socks for performances

**Items provided by the Miner Marching Band:**

1. MMB t-shirt
2. Marching Shoes
3. Gloves

We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones! See you soon!

**Chem 1100, Trig Review and YOU**
Chem 1100 (section E) and Trig Review participants should plan on attending as much of marching band camp as possible. The schedule has been arranged to minimize conflicts and give you ample time to eat, buy your books, socialize, etc. The procedure for late-arrival and early-departure will be explained at the first meeting on Sunday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. If you have to take Chem 1100 during the fall semester and are unable take it during Opening Week, enroll in section B, which will have little to no conflict with marching band.
Marching Band Student Leadership:

Drum Majors
Head Drum Major: Brice Bridges
Assistant Drum Majors: Austin Wilhelm and Andrew Donaldson

Section Leaders
Upper Woodwinds: Emily Eisenbacher (ebent4@mst.edu)
Saxophones: James Brouk (jdbkgc@mst.edu)
Trumpets: Thomas Persinger (tdpp73@mst.edu)
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Trombones: Johnathan Jarvis (jlj998@mst.edu)
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Pit Percussion: Jacob Nall (jrn976@mst.edu)
Battery Percussion: Emma Williston (esw7x9@mst.edu)
Color Guard: Jennifer Keeney (jlkqn8@mst.edu) and Jacob Cryts (jdczw4@mst.edu)

Opening Week Band Camp Schedule:

Freshmen: Attendance is expected at all camp rehearsals. Please adjust your schedules accordingly. If you are involved in Trig Review or Chem 1100, you will still be able to participate in most, if not all, of band camp activities. All indoor activities are held in Castleman Hall. All outdoor practices are held at the Multi-Purpose Building parking lot (directions will be given). All new and returning MMB members are required to attend camp. Contact one of the drum majors or Dave Cress if you are unable to attend camp or have conflicts.

Sunday, August 14
1pm-3pm Pep band rehearsal (returning members)
3pm-7pm Instrument and Locker checkout at Castleman
5:30pm-6:30pm Section Leader Meeting
7pm First meeting for all students interested in Instrumental music

Monday, August 15
8am-finished Pep band performance at the multi-purpose building for freshman convocation
9:30am-11:30am Returning member rehearsal
11:30am-12:30pm Section leader refresher
3:30pm-5:30pm Music rehearsal (band room)
6:30pm-8:30pm Marching rehearsal (practice field)

Tuesday, August 16
10am-11:30am Returning member rehearsal
3:30pm-5:30pm Music rehearsal (band room)
6:30pm-8:30pm Marching rehearsal (practice field)
Wednesday, August 17
10am-11:30am Returning member rehearsal
3:30pm-5:30pm Music rehearsal (band room)
6:30pm-8:30pm Marching rehearsal (practice field)

Thursday, August 18
10am-11:30am Returning member rehearsal
3:30pm-5:30pm Music rehearsal (band room)
6:30pm-8:30pm Marching rehearsal (practice field)
8:30pm-9:30pm Pep band rehearsal for Project X

Friday, August 19
10am-11:30am Returning member rehearsal
3:30pm-5:30pm Music rehearsal (band room)
6:30pm-8pm Marching rehearsal (practice field)
8:15pm-finished Band performance in the Havener Center for the Project X awards

Marching Band Performances:

September 3 Football Game against Bacone College
September 17 Football Game against Truman State University
September 24 Parade of Nations
October 1 Football Game against William Jewell College
October 15 S&T Homecoming Parade
October 15 Homecoming Football Game against Lincoln University
November 5 Football Game against University of Indianapolis
December 3 Rolla Christmas Parade
March 18 St. Pat’s Parade

All Marching Band performances are REQUIRED. If you need to miss one or more of the performances, inform Dave Cress, and all Drum Majors at the beginning of the season or as soon as you are informed.

Information for All Musicians:

School Instruments

New members: If you need to use a school instrument, come to the scheduled check-out time (August 14 from 3pm-7pm). Instruments will be assigned in on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Returning members: Last year’s instrument will be reserved for you, provided you returned the instrument before the end of the semester. If you have a school instrument now, you must bring it to the check-out time to have it reassigned to you.

Lockers
Lockers will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. You may be required to share a locker with one (or more) individuals. Lockers can be checked out on August 14 from 3pm-7pm.

Concert Dress
Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra dress is black formal (tuxedo). Ladies will need a solid black outfit with black shoes. Skirts or dresses must have a hemline that hangs below the knee
while sitting down. Men will be issued tuxedo parts they do not already have and should provide their own black shoes and socks. Men may also wear their own black (not blue!) suit. We recommend you supply your own long-sleeved, white dress shirt to wear with your tux.

**To Enroll or not?**
You do not need to enroll in a specific band or orchestra to be able to participate in it! Voluntary participation is completely free, but you will not receive a letter grade if you are not enrolled in the specific band.

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**Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma**
The S&T Band program provides a number of opportunities to relax and have fun. To enhance your experience in the band and orchestra program, chapters of two organizations exist on campus: Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Service Fraternity and Sorority, respectively. The primary responsibility of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma is to serve the bands. They do this by hosting a banquet once a semester for all band members, hosting receptions after all band and orchestra concerts, providing water and snacks for the marching band at home football games, and many other projects. They sponsor many band social events. These events are open to all jazz, marching, concert band, and orchestra members.

**Concert Dates**
- October 21 – Jazz Band Concert (7:00 pm)
- October 30 – Band Concert (2:00 pm)
- November 14 – Choir Concert (7:30 pm)
- November 17 – Orchestra Concert (7:30 pm)
- December 2 – Band/Choir/Orchestra Holiday Concert (7:00 pm)
- February 26 – Band Concert with 399th Army Band (2:00 pm)
- March 2 – S&T Performing Arts Concert (7:00 pm)
- April 7 – Jazz Band Concert (7:00 pm)
- April 9 – Choir Concert (2:00 pm)
- April 28 – Band Concert (7:00 pm)
- April 30 – Orchestra Concert (2:00 pm)

Missouri S&T Arts, Languages, and Philosophy department also has very active choral and theater programs. Be sure to check out [alp.mst.edu](http://alp.mst.edu) for more information about the other programs and the contact information of the directors.
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