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Welcome to the Texas Christian University Bands and the Horned Frog Marching Band.

The TCU Bands are a vital part of campus life at Texas Christian University. Members of the bands come from all academic disciplines within the University. This diverse mixture of people and interests provides a truly unique environment found in few campus organizations.

The TCU Bands have a long and distinguished tradition of excellence and accomplishment spanning over a century. Membership in the bands carries with it a significant responsibility to uphold and continue that tradition. It involves dedication, achievement, and hard work. There is always a place in the TCU Bands for anyone who exhibits these important qualities.

The TCU Bands offers a full program of ensembles including concert, athletic and jazz bands. These ensembles are open to all students at TCU regardless of academic major. All bands meet and rehearse in New TCU Music Center and/or Parking Lot 2 on the TCU campus. All Band grant scholarship recipients are required to audition for assignment to a concert ensemble (and jazz ensembles, when applicable) each semester. TCU members of the Horned Frog Marching Band receive a \$3,000 scholarship for their participation.

Punctuality, preparation, positive attitude, and attendance at every rehearsal and performance are expected. Please pay close attention to the schedules and arrange to attend all the activities and performances. Changes in the schedule are rare, and it is your responsibility to make the necessary arrangements far enough in advance to avoid conflicts. Please check the [TCU Band Website](#) for updates.

Due to COVID-19, all move- in dates, camp dates, performances and audition times may change. Please keep checking the band website for the most up to date information.

If pride, excellence, hard work, friendship, and teamwork interest you, the TCU Bands are for you.

Welcome, and enjoy!



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TCU Horned Frog Marching Band

The Horned Frog Marching Band performs at all home football games, several away games, bowl games, guest exhibitions, pep rallies, other campus functions, and the Fort Worth Stock Show Parade.

While Marching Band is a fall semester course, all members are encouraged to enroll in one of the three concert organizations that meet in the spring: The Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band and University Concert Band. The Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band also meet during the fall semester. Several outstanding jazz ensembles, along with the TCU Basketball Band, are also great musical opportunities at TCU.



Marching Band Class Registration

ALL Marching Band Members should register through their official TCU course selection or TCU Extended Ed **and** [online](#). Please review the [TCU Band Webpage](#) with links to the season calendar under "Band Information" prior to August 1 so we can make preparations prior to August camp.

Band fees are assessed according to your specific section. **Please be sure to check your TCU course schedule to verify you are registered for the correct Marching Band section:**

Marching Band-Brass	MUSI 10110-074 (70827)
Marching Band-Woodwinds	MUSI 10110-075 (70830)
Marching Band-Color Guard	MUSI 10110-076 (70832)
Marching Band-Drum Line	MUSI 10110-077 (70833)

TCU Horned Frog Extended Education Program

The Horned Frog Marching Band provides college-age musicians in the DFW Area an opportunity to participate as a member of the Horned Frog Marching Band while attending another university or community college in the DFW area that does not have a marching band. A fee is required to register.

For more information and registration, email Sharie Owens at s.owens@tcu.edu or call 817.257.7640.

Color Guard

The TCU Color Guard adds pop, color, drama, and an expanded visual component to the Marching Band. We welcome a wide range of talent and skill and do not require previous color guard experience. There is a short two-day audition process to be placed in the Color Guard which checks basic skills presented during the first day of camp. Color Guard members spin flags, rifles, and sabers. For the weapon line, previous experience is typically needed. Members are not required to play an instrument for any concert bands but are encouraged to participate in other areas of the TCU School of Music.

For further questions about the TCU Color Guard please email s.owens@tcu.edu or by calling the TCU Band office at 817.257.7640.



TCU Horned Frog Band Camp

The Marching Band begins preparation for the upcoming season by arriving early to campus to learn the first pre-game and half-time shows. Each section meets during the camp to work on music and marching style, while developing a common bond upon which to build a great season. When classes begin, band members are already settled into their dorms and ready to start the semester.

Schedule:

August 8, 2021: Early Move In for Drum Line

August 9-13: Drum Line Camp

August 14, 2021: Full Band Move In Date/Registration

August 14, 2021: Full Band Meeting: 4:00pm-5:30pm ELH/VCCH

August 16-19, 2021: Full Band Camp

Please check the [TCU Band Website](#) for updates.

Housing Questions-please contact Sharie Owens at s.owens@tcu.edu.



Marching Band Registration: August 14, 2021 9:00am-1:00pm:

On-site registration is required for all TCU Horned Frog Marching Band members on Saturday, August 11 from 9am-1pm at the TCU Music Center. Shoe and uniform sizing, as well as instrument check-out, will be done during this time.

TCU Marching Band instruments (piccolos, saxophones, trumpets, mellophones, trombones, euphoniums & tubas) will be available for check out during registration. All brass will be using TCU marching instruments unless approval is provided by the Director of the Horned Frog Marching Band.

Marching Band Auditions:

There is no audition required to join the TCU Horned Frog Marching Band. There are auditions for marching spots only. Music assessment may be involved at the beginning of camp for part assignments and chair order placement, except for percussion members-please see Percussion page for more information.

Orientation Sessions and Frog Camp:

Some Orientation Sessions/Frog Camps conflict with band rehearsals during band camp. You may be excused from these rehearsals; however, the Director of the Marching Band must have these excused absences in writing prior to the rehearsals missed. You may e-mail this information to m.r.garrett@tcu.edu. We will learn pre-game drill during the first rehearsals of camp. Those students with numerous misses could miss getting a spot for pre-game drill.

Equipment for Marching Band Rehearsals:

INSTRUMENT, LYRE, ALL REHEARSAL MUSIC, FLIP FOLDER, ALL DRILL CHARTS AS ISSUED, AND A PENCIL are basic materials for every rehearsal and some performances.

Water Dispenser - You might want your own water jug. Please mark this item with your name. Water will be provided at all rehearsals, but it is a good idea to have your own quart-sized container.

Lyres - Every band member (except flute & percussion) should bring a lyre for their instrument to every rehearsal and in the stands or at pep rally performances. Although we will be memorizing all music for performances, always have your lyre and music handy. You will need to have a lyre even if you have a school-owned instrument that didn't include one in the case. Buy one before camp!

Regular Practice Schedule:

Monday/Friday 4:05-5:50pm Rehearsal - Full Band

Wednesday 4:30-5:50pm Rehearsal - Full Band

Band Uniform and Equipment Fees:

All Band fees will be charged directly to your TCU account upon registration for the course.

All members of the Marching Band and Colorguard pay annual band fees of **\$200** for the following:

Uniform fee assessed for uniform use

Uniform items provided for each member band uniform shirt, cap, gloves (if applicable), and marching shoes.

Associated travel and social activities

All members are responsible for any loss or damage of uniforms or TCU equipment.

A **\$75.00** - per season - non-refundable Instrument/Equipment Fee will be charged to all **Percussion, Piccolo, Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, Euphonium, & Tuba** members for marching instruments provided by TCU to assist with the cost of repairs/maintenance.

Marching Band Scholarships:

All TCU student members of the Horned Frog Marching Band will receive \$3,000 distributed in three payments throughout the fall semester. More information will be presented during the All-Band meeting.



Traveling with the TCU Band:

To travel with the marching band, TCU Policy states that students must:

- Register for the course, through TCU or TCU Extended Education if you are concurrently enrolled at another college w/o a marching band by emailing s.owens@tcu.edu or calling 817.257.7640 for registration information.
- Complete a Student/Participant Release and Indemnity Agreement ([ONLINE](#))
- Complete an Emergency Medical Treatment Information Form ([ONLINE](#))
- Complete a [Band Pre-Registration Form](#).

Please take care of this during band camp. Bring your completed forms to Band Registration on August 14.



TCU Percussion Audition Information

Audition Information:

Please see the [Percussion Newsletter](#) for audition information including links to music and instructions for both Drum Line, Concert Ensembles, Jazz Ensembles and Percussion Ensembles.

Percussion Schedule:

August 8, 2021: Percussion Move-In for TCU Dorms. Please contact Sharie Owens at s.owens@tcu.edu for questions about the move in date.

August 9, 2021: Individual Practice time plus a full drum line/percussion meeting in the afternoon. We are also planning a welcome event!

August 10, 2021: Auditions and Drum Line rehearsals begin.

Please keep checking your e-mail and the [TCU Band website](#) for the most up to date information.



TCU Concert Ensembles Auditions

IMPORTANT! All band scholarship recipients and music majors are required to audition for these ensembles.

Auditions for Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band will be held Thursday and Friday, August 19-20. Please be available during those days to audition.

You will be sent a link during the summer for you to register for an audition time. In person sign-ups will be available during Band Camp week also.

If you are a first year student, you will be temporarily excused from first year activities to perform your audition.

These auditions will also determine placement in the TCU Symphony Orchestra for wind players.

THIS YEAR'S AUDITION REPERTOIRE IS AVAILABLE TO [DOWNLOAD HERE.](#)

In addition to the excerpts, all 12 major scales and chromatic should be prepared to perform from memory. Sight reading will be utilized when there is a tie for ensemble placement.

TCU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Registration Information:

TCU Wind Symphony	MUSI 10010-035 (70788)	Undergraduate
	MUSI 60010-035 (70790)	Graduate
TCU Symphonic Band	MUSI 10210-035 (70874)	Undergraduate
	MUSI 60210-025 (70875)	Graduate



TCU Jazz Ensemble Auditions

The TCU Jazz program consists of at least two big bands along with several student combos.

The annual TCU Jazz Festival, one of the most prestigious in the Southwest, has hosted over 10,000 high school & middle school students since its inception in 1978. We have a very exciting year ahead of us as we prepare for the 42nd Annual TCU Jazz Festival, which will take place on March 22-23, 2019.

The TCU Jazz Ensembles have appeared in concert with several internationally-known jazz artists, appeared at conventions of the International Association of Jazz Educators, College Band Directors National Association, and the Texas Music Educators Association. The ensembles have also made numerous appearances in Europe and the former Soviet Union.

You can find the music for all instrumentalists posted on the [TCU Band website](#) on the Jazz tab. Please have this material prepared for your audition.

Additionally, I'll ask you to sight-read and improvise if you want to be considered for a "jazz" chair in one of the ensembles. With the exception of drum set, ALL of the auditions will take place in my studio – (Ed Landreth 331). A sign-up link will be sent by the band office in August. Please make sure to sign up for an audition time. It is my intention to have the bands set and rehearsing on the first day of classes (Monday, August 23).

-Joe Eckert, Professor of Saxophone/Director of Jazz Studies

Jazz Audition Schedule:

Brass: Thursday, August 19: Noon-5:00pm

Woodwinds and Rhythm: Sunday, August 22: Noon-5:00pm

Jazz Class Registration Information:

Jazz I	MUSI 10190-040 (70862)	Undergraduate
	MUSI 60190-040 (70863)	Graduate
Jazz II	MUSI 10190-050 (70864)	Undergraduate
	MUSI 60190-050 (70865)	Graduate

All jazz ensembles meet Mon-Wed-Fri. IMPORTANT: Try to keep Noon-2:00 p.m. (M-W-F) free on your schedule if you are not sure which jazz ensemble you will make.