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Greetings! Please find below information concerning auditions for the concert bands at the University of North Dakota this fall.

All UND students are encouraged to participate in as many ensembles as they feel they have the time and interest for. Ensembles in the band area include: Wind Ensemble; University Band; Jazz Bands & Combos; "Pride of the North" Marching Band; Basketball, Hockey & Volleyball Bands. Please understand that **all** UND ensembles are open to **all** students regardless of major.

- **University Band rehearses Tuesdays & Thursdays, 12:30-1:45 pm**
- **Wind Ensemble rehearses Mondays, 3:00-3:50 pm; Tue & Thu 3:30-4:45 pm**
- **Wind Ensemble Chamber Players rehearse Wednesdays, 3:00-3:50 pm**

If you are interested in participating in the Wind Ensemble or University Band, auditions will be held during the first week of classes. This audition will help determine ensemble placement and part assignments. Please note that the **University Band is an open ensemble** (all students who enroll may participate), however **all** students (both new and returning) should plan to play during the first week auditions. **You do not have to be currently enrolled in a concert band to participate in the auditions.**

Please come to your audition prepared to the best of your ability. While these auditions are not meant to be stressful, the better prepared you are, the easier it is to make decisions concerning placement and part assignments. For those students interested in playing in the UND Wind Ensemble, please note that the competition will be quite strong in many of the sections.

I would like to hear the following at your audition:

1. *A major scale of your choice **and** a chromatic scale (ascending & descending; your choice of styles; as many octaves as you feel comfortable on both).*
2. ***Two** short prepared solo excerpts or etudes which will demonstrate both your lyrical and technical playing ability.*
3. ***Two** short sight-reading excerpts.*

NOTE: **Flutists** who would like to play **piccolo** should plan to play some during their flute audition if possible. **Percussionists** should perform on **both** snare drum and mallets if at all possible; timpani is optional. If you are interested in playing **piano** with either ensemble as the need arises, it would be helpful to hear you play at this time as well.

Please sign-up for an **audition time** on the bulletin board outside my office (Hughes Fine Arts Center, Room 126). I would like to listen to auditions in “like instrument” categories if possible:

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Piano**

**Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone**

**Brass, String Bass, Percussion**

We will have two organizational meetings during the first scheduled class times of the University Band (Tuesday, 12:30 pm) and Wind Ensemble (Tuesday, 3:30 pm). **Please plan to attend one of these meetings, even if you are not currently enrolled in either ensemble.** At that time, we will provide additional information to you, take care of instrument and locker check-out (*please bring your own combination lock*), and discuss other related issues. We do have some school instruments available for students to use. Audition results will be posted on Friday of the first week of classes. **Wind Ensemble and University Band rehearsals will begin the second week of classes.**

Auditions for all other ensembles in the UND Music Department are held the first week of classes as well. Students interested in the “**Pride of the North**” **Marching Band** and all other Athletic Bands, should visit their web site ([undpride.org](http://undpride.org)) and complete the registration form. There is no audition for membership in the Marching Band, however rehearsals begin **prior** to the first day of classes.

I hope you will consider being a part of our concert band program. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. If you know of other UND students who play band instruments, encourage them to join us. Please note that many of our ensembles allow students to join in the spring semester as well.

I look forward to making music with you this year!

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you are a new, incoming **music major** at UND this fall, please plan to attend our Department of Music Orientation Day activities scheduled for the Monday prior to start of classes. If you have not received any information concerning this event, contact the Music office at (701) 777-2644.