



## MSU MARCHING BAND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q:** Who can be in the MSU Marching Band?
- A:** ANY Morehead State University student who was in a member of his/her high school band (even if you've never marched before) or who was a member of a high school color guard/winter guard.
- Q:** How do join?
- A:** Marching Band is a class that meets in the fall semester (1 credit). If you're an instrumental music education major, the Marching Band is a required course each fall semester—sign up for MUSM 372, section 001. If you come from ANY other major, sign up for MUSM 372, section 002 for the fall semester.
- Q:** How much does it cost?
- A:** The Marching Band is a fall semester, 1-credit course, so typical tuition rates apply. HOWEVER, please remember that full-time MSU students pay full-time tuition for any course load between 12 and 18 credit hours. If you have, for example, 15 credit hours without Marching Band on your schedule, then you add Marching Band, there would be NO CHANGE in your tuition costs. The only other costs are a pair of marching shoes (\$35-\$40) and an Ultimate Drill Book subscription (\$10).
- Q:** What's the rehearsal/performance schedule like?
- A:** In August and September, we rehearse M/W from 4:00p-5:45pm and on F from 4pm-7pm. In October and November, rehearsals are significantly reduced on we stop rehearsing on Fridays unless we have a game on Saturday. There are usually six home football games on Saturdays in the fall and we perform in the stands and at halftime. We host a marching band competition one Saturday in September, and Marching Band members work the event and then perform at the end of the evening. Some years, we travel to perform in exhibition at a regional marching band competition.
- Q:** Do I have to audition to join?
- A:** The simple answer is NO. For woodwind and brass players, our section leaders will assign parts during the first day of our Early Week rehearsals. Everyone who signs up for the class and shows up to Early Week gets a part to play. For color guard members, we will discover everyone's experience and ability level during Early Week. A minimum ability level is required to be assigned a performance spot for the halftime show, but everyone who signs up will be able to learn work and choreography. Percussion do audition during the first day or two of Early Week, but only for part assignments (no one is cut). Audition packets for percussion will be available in June and will be distributed via Facebook and MSU Email to all registered students.



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**Q:** What's Early Week?

**A:** Early Week is the week prior to the start of fall semester classes (at no cost). Our members move back to campus (or off-campus) on the Sunday one full week before classes begin and rehearse from Sunday through Saturday. This rehearsal period is required and is absolutely essential to us learning our fall show.

**Q:** Once I enroll in the course, how do I receive important Marching Band info?

**A:** Once enrolled, your name will appear on the official course roster, and you will begin to receive emails from Dr. Dale. In addition, all members are asked to join the MSU Marching Band members' Facebook page—**MSMB 2021**. All important info will be shared via email and Facebook, but the MSU email system can sometimes be unreliable (especially for new freshman accounts), so be sure to join the FB page.

**Q:** Why should I join the MSU Marching Band?

**A:** There are lots of great reasons to become a member! Here are just a few:

1. **Fit.** Joining a group that gives you purpose, a fit on campus, and a diverse family of more than 100 other students representing many other majors on our campus is a great start to college. That new family is a great resource for not only getting adjusted to college life, the campus, but most college students rely on their peers for study help.
2. Great source for physical activity
3. Making music and/or performing
4. Educational Resilience. Educational resilience can be described as successfully overcoming threats to educational development (Wang et al., 1994). At some point in your college career, you may experience adversity, challenge, pressure, and stress (Martin and Marsh, 2006), and these conditions place you at risk of doing poorly in school and, potentially, dropping out of school (Alva, 1991). Resilience includes external environmental protective factors that can mitigate these kinds of risks. Some external protective factors are caring relationships, high expectations, and meaningful participation (Bernard, 1991; 2004). Research has shown that protective factors, like the ones above, lead to positive outcomes more often than the other way around, or risk factors leading to negative outcomes (Benard, 2004; Werner & Smith, 1992). The college marching band is one of the greatest college organizations that can foster resilience across all three external factors of caring relationships, high expectations, and meaningful participation.

**Q:** How can I find out more information?

**A:** Contact Dr. DuWayne Dale, Director of [Bands—dcdale@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:Bands—dcdale@moreheadstate.edu)