

Private Lessons

Private music instruction (FA 2570) is an excellent way to quickly advance your musicianship and reach new levels of playing or singing. Students receive .5 co-curricular credits for taking a semester's worth of weekly 45-minute lessons with a local professional musician. Lessons are available on brass, woodwind, and string instruments, and harp, guitar, piano, and voice. For more information, email lessons@mtu.edu.

Instrument Lockers

Instrument lockers are available to students playing in a Michigan Tech ensemble for \$25 per year. Locks are provided.

Need an Instrument?

The following instruments are available to members of the ensembles at no charge: Tubas, Percussion, Mellophones, Baritones, Bari Saxes, and Bass Clarinets. Limited numbers of other instruments are available on a first come first serve basis. Check your orientation schedule for check out time and dates.

Practice Rooms

Practice rooms are available in both the Rozsa center and in the dormitories. There is no cost to use these spaces.

Music Minors

Michigan Tech offers five minors in music: General Music, Music Technology, Jazz Idiom, Music Composition, and Music Performance.

Required coursework can be found online: <http://www.mtu.edu/registrar/students/major>

Ensemble Rehearsal Schedules

Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra	T 7:00-9:50 pm
Superior Wind Symphony	MW 8:05-9:25 pm
Campus Concert Band	R 4:05-5:25 pm <i>Spring Semester Only!</i>
Huskies Pep Band	T/R 4:05-5:25 pm
Jazz Lab Band	MWF 4:05-4:55 pm
Research and Development Big Band	MWF 12:05-12:55 pm
Concert Choir	MW 4:05-5:30 pm
conScience: Michigan Tech Chamber Singers	TR 3:35-4:55 pm

Information about how to join all these ensembles will be available during Orientation and on our website:
www.mtu.edu/vpa/

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Music

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Congratulations on your acceptance to Michigan Tech!

As you prepare for classes this fall, we want you to know about the music opportunities here at Michigan Tech. Many of our ensembles have convenient rehearsal times outside of traditional class hours to accommodate busy schedules. From large ensembles to private lessons, there is something for everybody!

Our Mission...

The mission of the Division of Music is to provide students with a personalized creative and intellectual environment that fosters meaningful experiences in music performance, composition, history, and research. Our bands, orchestra, jazz and choral ensembles expose students, faculty, and community members to the artistic and communicative values of music and the power it has to change lives. Participating in music adds value to your education at Michigan Tech, giving you life-enhancing skills as well as new friends. You'll enjoy student-faculty contact through small academic classes, mentoring, and our private music lessons program.

The performing ensembles are available for credit, but you are not required to enroll to participate.

Choirs

Michigan Tech Concert Choir (FA3510) is a 60-80 voice ensemble of students and community singers. **conScience: Michigan Tech Chamber Singers** (FA3580) is a select, student-only chamber choir of 12-16 voices.

The choirs perform locally and also tours in the U.S. and internationally. Membership in both choirs is by audition.

For more information contact Dr. Jared Anderson, (jaredand@mtu.edu). Non-audition singing opportunities are also available in Group Voice Class (FA2580).

Bands

The **Superior Wind Symphony** (FA3401) is the premier wind ensemble at Michigan Tech. Concerts feature major works as well as innovative collaborations with guest artists and conductors. The ensemble regularly performs at off-campus venues in Michigan and Wisconsin. Membership is by audition, which takes place during the first week of classes.

The **Campus Concert Band** (FA2402) plays a variety of traditional and contemporary concert band literature as well as popular works. The band meets in the spring semester only. No audition is required.

The **Huskies Pep Band** (FA2400) is a nationally known Division I pep band of nearly 250 members that performs at all home football, basketball, and hockey games. The band was selected as the host band to the WCHA Final Five Tournament in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. No audition is required. To join, come to the Fall Band Camp during orientation week (Friday, August 30 from 4:30-8:30pm). If you are unable to make the band camp, come to any rehearsal. Contact Mike Christianson (mchristi@mtu.edu) for more information about all three groups.

Orchestra

The **Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra** (FA3400) plays the great orchestral masterworks from the classical, theatre, and film repertoire. Performing four times per academic year, the orchestra brings in world-class guest artists and collaborates with the choir and theatre programs. All instrumentalists (woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings) are welcome. To join our orchestra program, students can perform a short, stress-free audition during the first week of school. Contact Dr. Joel Neves (jbneves@mtu.edu) for more information.

Jazz

The award-winning **Jazz Lab Band** (FA3430) is the top large jazz ensemble at MTU. Jazz Lab Band specializes in jazz from all eras plus Latin jazz, funk, fusion, blues, and original compositions. The group performs at least one major concert each semester, typically tours for 4-5 days each January, and often performs with guest artists. Membership in the Jazz Lab Band is by audition. Contact Mike Irish (mjirish@mtu.edu) for more information.

The **Research and Development Big Band** (FA2430) is an open-enrollment (no audition necessary) large ensemble that explores the many styles of jazz, while focusing on development of basic techniques in jazz performance and improvisation. The band performs one major concert each semester.

Chamber Music and Jazz Combos

Duets, trios, quartets, quintets, and other **Chamber Ensembles** (FA4400) perform in recitals and at special events. No audition is required. You may form the ensemble yourself or ask to be put into an ensemble. Contact Mike Christianson (mchristi@mtu.edu) for more information.

Jazz Combos (FA4420) are an excellent way to pursue small group jazz and improvisation. **Jaztec** specializes in mainstream and Latin Jazz, modern jazz and original compositions. **Momentum** is a high-energy combo playing funk, blues, fusion, and Latin Jazz styles. Membership in these two combos is by audition. Jazz combos are featured in the annual Jazz Club Cabaret and also at a variety of local venues. Development of **new jazz combos** is also encouraged. Contact Mike Irish (mjirish@mtu.edu) for more information.