

To all Incoming and Returning Band Enthusiasts!

I am excited to welcome you to the 2022/23 bands at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh! Our goal is always to provide you with outstanding performance and enrichment opportunities, and we are delighted that you will be involved in what promises to be an exciting, fun, and rewarding year of music-making!

To help us get off to a good start, everyone registered for a band class needs to play an audition in order to arrange part assignments and placement into the Symphonic Band (Music 123/323) or Wind Ensemble (Music 121/321). These auditions are designed to be non-threatening, and will be held in the first few days of the semester (Wednesday, September 7 to Friday, September 9). Auditions will take place during blocks of time assigned by instrument, so Dr. Chmura-Moore (our orchestra conductor) and private studio instructors can attend. Wind and brass auditions will be in the Music Hall, and percussion auditions will be in A/C N14. **Everybody registered for one of the bands needs to sign up for a time slot during their assigned instrument block on the sheets that will be posted outside of room A/C N121 beginning Monday, August 29. Please sign up as soon as possible and no later than the morning of the first day of semester (Wednesday, September 7). NOTE – if campus COVID protocols change, auditions may take place online via Flipgrid.**

In order to prepare for your audition, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the UW Oshkosh Band web page at <https://uwosh.edu/music/ensembles/bands/>
2. Download the audition excerpts for your instrument (scroll to the bottom of the page)
3. When you arrive on campus, sign up for an individual audition time slot during your designated instrument time block. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside room N121 in the A/C Building.
4. If you cannot attend an audition during your designated instrument block, please contact Dr. Otto as soon as possible to set up an individual audition time.

Some of the music may be challenging to you—don't worry, as we just want you to play what you can to the best of your ability so that we can place you where you will be the most successful!

If you need access to a university instrument, please contact me as soon as possible **before your audition** to schedule an instrument check-out time. Someone can be available from August 30 (or earlier) if you make arrangements in advance. Because we spend the first three days of the semester doing auditions/placements, **the first full class meeting (rehearsal) for the bands will be Monday, September 12 (Wind Ensemble) and Thursday, September 15 (Symphonic Band).**

I'm looking forward to working with you and making great music this year! We have some very fun and exciting repertoire planned, and my main goal is to make sure you have a musically enriching experience. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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