



UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
**BEARCAT
BANDS**



University of
CINCINNATI

DIVISION OF
STUDENT AFFAIRS



The UC Marching Band performing for pregame of a home football game.

Purpose Statement

The Bearcat Bands are a comprehensive campus band program providing educational opportunities, artistic expression, and leadership development programs to students through music.

Vision Statement

For the University of Cincinnati to be the most musical campus in the United States.

Core Values

Pedagogy, Integrity, and Precision (“PIP”)

We value **pedagogy** because we welcome all students with a desire to be taught according to educational best practices in an innovative environment.

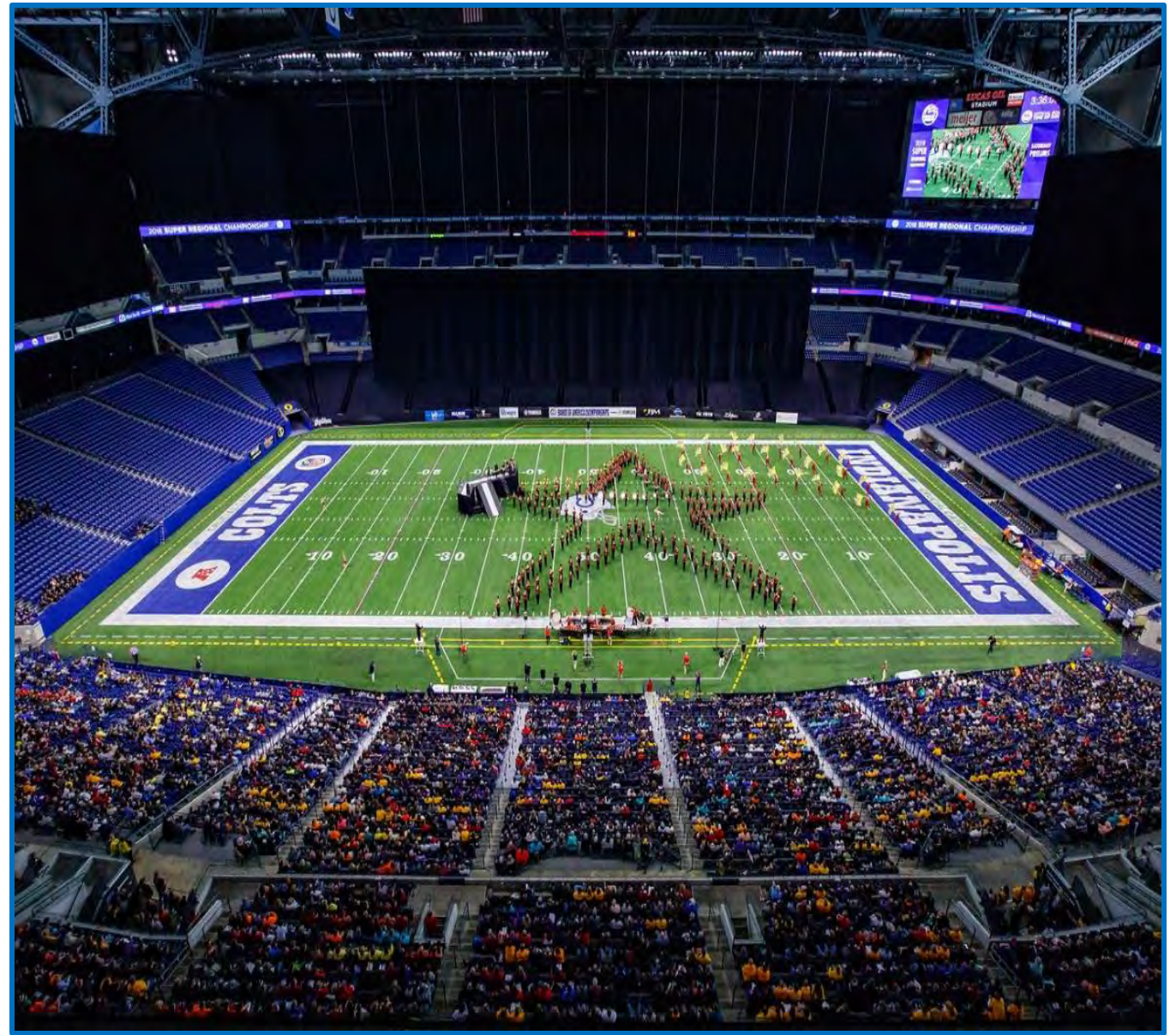
We value **integrity** because we welcome all students that are morally, ethically, and legally upright.

We value **precision** because our mutual success is considerably determined by how well each individual prepares and presents.



Program Description

Ensembles of the Bearcat Bands include the 270-member spirit band program (Marching Band and multiple Basketball Bands), multiple Concert Bands, Jazz Ensembles, various Brass, Woodwind, and Percussion Ensembles, beginning instrumental lessons, and various educational clinics. Our Marching Band integrates a contemporary Color Guard and Twirlers.



The 2018 UC Marching Band performing at the 2018 BOA Super Regionals in Indianapolis.

Program Description

We achieve tradition through innovation and are passionate about our band, campus, and city. Our membership is open to every enrolled student at the University of Cincinnati and satellite campuses as well as students attending Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection schools. Participation in the program is by placement audition. We have opportunities for everyone: those with considerable experience, those with none, and those in between.



*Drum Major Tanner Stacy,
2019 at Ohio State University*

Bearcat Band Directors



Mr. Nicholas E. Angelis
Associate Director



Mr. Christopher J. Nichter
Director



Dr. Krista J. Mulcahy
Assistant Director

Membership Process Overview

1. Be enrolled (or plan to be enrolled during the intended semester of membership) as a student at UC, one of the satellite campuses, or in one of the Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection schools.
2. Go to <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/bearcat-bands/join.html> to review audition requirements.
3. Sometime following your audition, receive information as to your status. You may or may not be placed in the ensemble(s) and/or in the role(s) for which you were hoping.
4. Enroll in the corresponding CCM class.
5. Pay your band dues. These help fund a variety of events throughout the year.
6. Attend all required camps, rehearsals, performances, and other events as they are communicated to you.



UC Color Guard Member Sam Aldrich performing for a 2019 pregame performance

The Three Keys

1. Monitor your email.
2. Communicate appropriately.
3. Practice your part.



The 2018 UC Marching Band's halftime presentation of Beyonce's "Love on Top."



UC SPIRIT: The Marching & Basketball Bands

The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Spirit Bands, Marching and Basketball, are the largest and most visible organizations within the Bearcat Bands:

- Total 2019 Marching Band membership of 270 students. Over 300 total membership in the program.
- Comprised of students from all over the UC Main campus, UC Blue Ash and UC Clermont, and Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection schools such as NKU and Cincinnati State.
- Some of our members are music majors but the majority major in just about every other program of study available at UC.



Savannah Miller at 2019 UC Band Camp Preview Show

All participate for the love of the activity and take considerable pride in representing the University of Cincinnati through music. The membership commitment is performing in both the Marching Band and in one of the Basketball Bands. All musicians are expected to continue playing in the spring semester with participation in a concert or jazz band.



A UC Band pregame concert performance at Sigma Sigma Commons



The UC Marching Band performing pregame of a home football game.

Marching Band is available for one or two credits.

Rehearsal Schedule -

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 – 8:30 PM, Full Ensemble (percussion sectional starts at 5:30 PM)

Wednesdays

6:00 – 8:00, Full Ensemble (or sectionals and other purposes as announced)

Home games, usually Saturdays, require additional rehearsal time and attendance. All members also attend any full-band away games, including bowl trips. Occasional exhibition performances and parades are also scheduled. Despite this, participation in the Bearcat Marching Band involves less time than most typical high school marching bands!



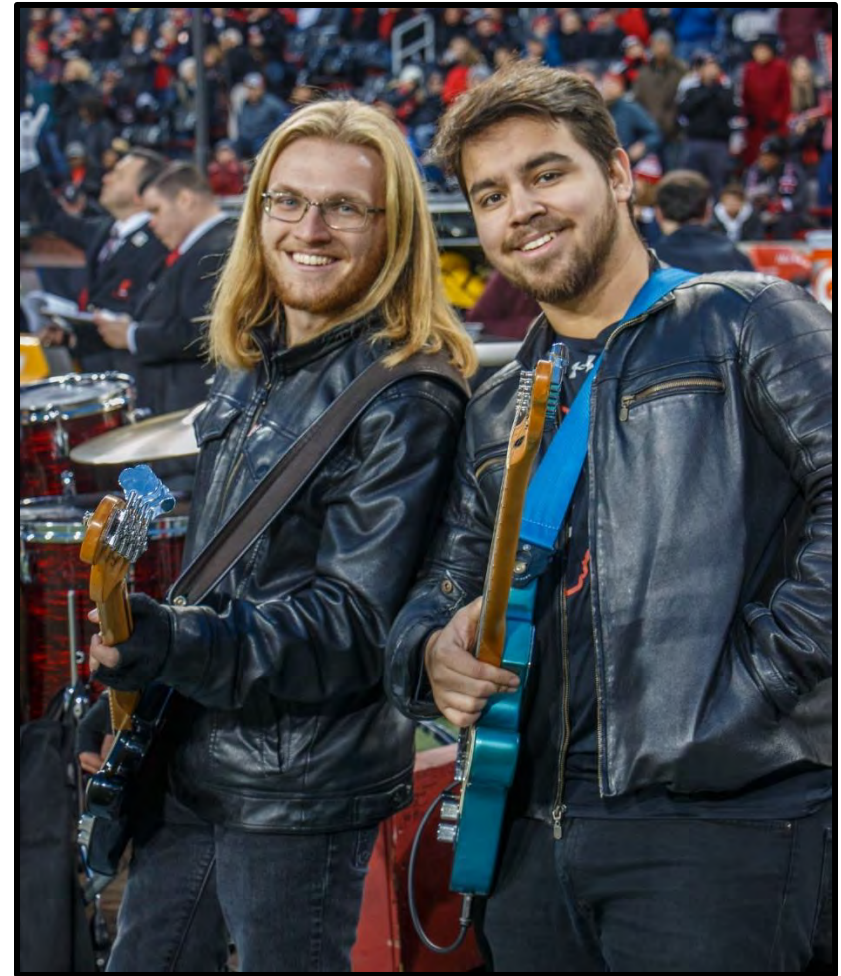
Catherine D'Amico performing in the stands for a home football game.

Basketball Band (aka Pep Band) is really the entire Marching Band simply divided into smaller bands. Each band receives a list of game assignments in the fall and meets for rehearsal prior to each assigned game. Opportunities for post-season tournament travel are usually anticipated!



The 2019 Basketball Pep Band with men's team players Trevor Moore, Nysier Brooks, & Trevon Scott.

Band member costs are \$105 student Band Council dues, black marching socks and shoes, khaki shorts, and black Docker-style pants. Some marching instruments are available to students of the Bearcat Bands at no cost (ex. sousaphone, mellophone, baritone).



2018 UC Marching Band members Dan Matthews and Roberto Mandujano performing halftime of a home football game.

Audition Requirements for the Bearcat Spirit (Marching & Basketball) Bands:

Wind Players

(Woodwind & Brass Instrumentalists)

All audition information can be found on our website: <https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/bearcat-bands/join.html>.



Videos will be accepted until all spots are filled or July 17, 2020, whichever is first. *If you are receiving this information after July 17, 2020 or have extenuating circumstances that prohibit sending a video, please email Dr. Krista Mulcahy at krista.mulcahy@uc.edu for assistance.* We look forward to hearing from you!

**Audition Requirements for the Bearcat Spirit
(Marching & Basketball) Bands:**

Percussionists

(Battery & Front Ensemble)

Video Auditions for the 2020 UC Percussion Section are being accepted until July 1, 2020. Call or email the band office for more information.

Band Office Email: BearcatBands@ucmail.uc.edu

Band Office Phone Number: 513-556-BAND (2263)

If you are interested after July 1, email Dr. Krista Mulcahy at krista.mulcahy@uc.edu.



Pregame concert performance at Sigma Sigma Commons



Audition Requirements for the Bearcat Spirit Bands:

Twirlers & Color Guard

Twirlers: *Auditions have already been held for the 2020 Twirlers.*



Color Guard: Video Auditions for the 2020 UC Color Guard are being accepted until July 1, 2020. Call or email the band office for more information. If you are interested after July 1, email Dr. Krista Mulcahy at krista.mulcahy@uc.edu.

UC Featured Twirler Anita Ney performing at a home football game pregame concert.



Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to be a music major to be in the Bearcat Bands?**

No. Most of our members are not music majors.



The 2018 UC Marching Band performing at the BOA Super Regionals in Indianapolis.

- **Are there any requirements to be in the Marching Band?**

The University of Cincinnati requires members to enroll in the class. We allow students from local colleges to join us as well. UC has the only collegiate marching band in the immediate tri-state area which allows students at all neighboring institutions to participate and receive credit through the Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection. Go to www.gccollegiateconnection.org for more information.



The 2018 UC Marching Band performing at the 2018 BOA Super Regionals in Indianapolis.

- **What instruments/sections are included in the Bearcat Marching Band?**

Woodwinds:

Piccolos
Clarinets
Alto Saxes
Tenor Saxes
Baritone Saxes

Brass:

Trumpets
Mellophones
Trombones
Baritones
Sousaphones

Percussion:

Snare Drums
Bass Drums
Tenor Drums
Cymbals
Front Ensemble

Auxiliaries:

Color Guard
Feature Twirlers



The 2018 UC Marching Band performing at the 2018 BOA Super Regionals in Indianapolis.



The 2018 UC Drumline marching to the stadium at the Military Bowl in Annapolis, Maryland.

- **What visual ensemble units do the UC Bearcat Bands have?**

The UC Marching Band has a contemporary Color Guard section and featured twirlers. Both units require annual auditions.



Above: 2020 UC Winter Guard



Left: 2019 UC Twirlers with Bearcat Bands Announcer Randy Smith.

- **Is there a required pre-season camp?**

Yes, there is a camp required of all UC Marching Band members.

For 2020, pre-season camp for new members will begin on Wednesday, August 12 and conclude on Friday, August 21 for the full ensemble.

Percussion and visual ensemble units have additional summer rehearsals prior to the beginning of full camp.

Please stay alert to any schedule changes due to COVID-19 restrictions.



2019 Pre-season Marching Band Preview Show

*The 2019 UC
Drum Majors:
Erica Horschler,
Mikhayla Henry,
Tanner Stacy, and
John O'Toole.*



- **What other ensembles are available to me at UC?**

The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Bands program offers a variety of performance opportunities including Concert Bands, Jazz Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Beginning Band, and an assortment of other small ensembles. The UC Alumni Band hosts an annual summer Community Band that is also open to current students. There are also non-major choirs and an orchestra at the internationally-acclaimed College-Conservatory of Music just down the street!



The 2018 UC Marching Band performing at the 2018 BOA Super Regionals in Indianapolis. Featured performer – Front Ensemble member Troy Abeles.

Concert and Jazz Bands



- The Fall Concert and Jazz Bands are half-semester ensembles beginning around mid-semester. Auditions are held during the first half of the semester. Rehearsals are once weekly beginning October 19, 2020.
 - Fall Bearcat Concert Band: Mondays 4:40 to 6:55 PM
 - Fall Bearcat Jazz Band: Mondays 7:05 to 9:20 PM
- The Spring Concert and Jazz Bands are full-semester ensembles with auditions occurring during the previous fall semester. Advanced Bands are available. Rehearsals are twice weekly.
 - Bearcat Afternoon Concert Band: Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30 to 5:15 PM
 - Bearcat Concert Band: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30 to 7:15
 - Bearcat Advanced Concert Band: Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:30 to 9:15 PM
 - Bearcat Jazz Band: Mondays 4:40 to 6:25 pm & Wednesdays 7:05 to 8:00 PM
 - Bearcat Advanced Jazz Band: Mondays 7:30 to 9:15 pm and Wednesdays 8:15 to 9:10 PM

*The 2019 Spring
UC Bearcat
Advanced Concert
Band conducted by
Director of Bands,
Mr. Christopher
Nichter.*



*2019 Spring
UC Bearcat
Advanced
Concert Band*





Spring 2018 UC Bearcat Jazz Band



Spring 2018 UC Bearcat Jazz Band

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

The University of Cincinnati Bearcat Bands are offering a Beginning Band this semester for students who want to learn how to play an instrument or who would like to learn a new one.

No instrument? No problem!
Rental options available.

CONTACT US

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ucbearcatbands.com

Beginning Band

- No experience? No problem! Each Spring semester, a Beginning Band is available for those with no instrumental experience or those with experience that would like to learn something new. One concert is performed near the end of the semester to show off the progress. This is available to all students, staff, and faculty and is a lot of fun. Contact the Band Office for more information.

Additional Opportunities

- Various small instrumental ensembles are occasionally created based on student interest. Some that have occurred in the past include Trombone Choir, Saxophone Choir, Clarinet Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Brass Choir. If this interests you, contact the Band Office for more information.



2018 UC Trombone Choir

- **Do I have to be in Marching Band to be in other bands?**
- ❖ It depends. Basketball Band requires Marching Band participation (and vice versa). Concert and Jazz Bands do not require Marching Band participation, though most students that are in a Concert or Jazz Band also tend to be in Marching Band. Some people start by doing a Concert or Jazz Band, making friends, then auditioning for Marching Band later. Most will start with Marching Band their first year and stick with it along with participation in other bands: this is absolutely the best way to maximize your first year and make irreplaceable friends and memories! (Yes, you have the time.)
- ❖ All Marching Band members are expected to participate in a Concert or Jazz Band during the Spring semester.
- ❖ This isn't like many high schools where the band is the band: Marching, Concert, Jazz, and whatever else. In college, each ensemble is its own class.
- ❖ Regardless, if you participate in only one of the Bearcat Bands you are part of the family!



Advanced Band Bassist, Evan Barnes

Will I have time for band in college?

- We all get the same 24 hours in a day. How you utilize that time is a personal matter. If someone wants to do something badly enough, they will usually find a way to make it happen. Don't make the mistake of not doing it your first year and missing that once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Joining later, although a great decision, can never replace the friendships and memories you will have missed. Most of our bands require much less of a time commitment than high school. Generally speaking, yes, almost everyone has the time for college band if it is something they want to do. Try it and find out!

Marching Band Bass Drummer, Henry Dantzer

How can I also participate in DCI, WGI, etc.?

- A number of our Marching Band members participate in some of the most storied programs in pageantry arts (drum corps, WGI, etc.). We are entirely supportive of this and make necessary concessions depending on the calendar and member summer availability. That being said, the Bearcat Marching Band will also be a significant commitment in your life. We expect all members to communicate with the directors and other staff of both groups in advance and with utmost professionalism.



Sara Hamilton performing halftime of a home football game.

*We hope to
welcome you as
a member of the
2020 University
of Cincinnati
Marching Band!*



Location and Contact Information

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147 Corry Boulevard
Cincinnati, Ohio 45221

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[513-556-BAND \(2263\)](tel:513-556-BAND(2263))

Email:

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Audition Information:

<https://www.uc.edu/campus-life/bearcat-bands/join.html>



*The 2019 UC Marching Band halftime performance at
Marshall University.*