

Frequently Asked Questions

DO I HAVE TO BE A MUSIC MAJOR TO MARCH IN THE BAND?

Only music majors are required to participate in the GEMB, otherwise our membership is made up of non-majors. All are welcome to join!

WILL I HAVE TIME FOR MARCHING BAND IN MY CLASS SCHEDULE?

Yes! We take great care to ensure that students are able to balance their time between band and their other classes. This is an ensemble which offers social activity, continued musical enjoyment and leadership opportunities to those who seek them.

DO I HAVE TO ENROLL IN A COURSE TO BE A MEMBER?

Yes. All students are required to enroll in "MUS 1033" for one academic credit.

CAN I JOIN THE MARCHING BAND IF I DON'T ATTEND TENNESSEE TECH?

Students who attend Volunteer State Community College *may* have the option to participate in the GEMB. Please contact [Dr. Jeffrey Miller](#) for more information.

WHEN DOES THE MARCHING BAND REHEARSE?

The GEMB rehearses during the fall academic semester from 3:50-5:50 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND A BAND CAMP?

Yes. All members of the GEMB are required to attend Preseason Band Camp. The camp occurs every year in August and begins one week before the fall academic semester. During camp, members come together as one group to learn the basic fundamentals of marching and music and to learn the pregame and halftime routines.

DO I HAVE TO AUDITION?

All Tennessee Tech students with previous band experience are eligible to join the GEMB. There are auditions for drumline, but no formal admission audition for winds. All sections have part assignment auditions that occur during Preseason Band Camp.

CAN I BE IN THE MARCHING BAND AND OTHER ENSEMBLES?

Yes! We encourage students to enroll and participate in other Tennessee Tech ensembles such as the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Concert Band, Golden Eagle Brass or one of our Jazz Ensembles. Members should speak with each ensemble director for audition information. Rehearsal schedules between bands will not conflict.

WILL I BE ABLE TO BORROW AN INSTRUMENT?

Percussion, sousaphones, baritones, mellophones and piccolos will be provided. Other instruments are available on a limited basis upon request. If you own an instrument, you are expected to play that instrument.

ARE THERE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH BEING A MEMBER?

Band members must purchase gloves and marching shoes. A cleaning fee for the uniform will be assessed at the end of the fall semester. Other uniform-related items will be provided free of charge.

ARE THERE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Students seeking a scholarship are encouraged to audition during one of the School of Music audition dates. Please contact [Dr. Jeffrey Miller](#) for more information.