

Music Ensembles at EIU – Spring 2026

Regardless of one's major, there are many opportunities for all students at Eastern Illinois University to study, create, and perform music in the Department of Music. Many ensembles are open to all students, but some ensembles do require an audition, which is generally held during the first days of class each semester.

- Non-auditioned ensembles include the following: Eastern Symphonic Band, and University Mixed Chorus.
- For additional information, please email the faculty member directing the ensemble.
- All first-semester students register for the "R" section of the ensemble; after one year of participation, non-music majors may register for the 0-credit "X" section, which is tuition free.

Ensemble	Course #	Contact	Audition	Meeting Times
Wind Symphony	MUS 0200R	Dr. Neal - amneal2@eiu.edu	Yes	MWF 12:00 – 12:50; T 12:30 – 1:45
Concert Band	MUS 0201R	Dr. Neal - amneal2@eiu.edu	No	T/Th 3:30 – 4:45
Eastern Symphonic Band	MUS 0203R	Mr. David Boggs - dgboggs@eiu.edu	No	M 7:00 – 8:40
Panther Basketball Band	NA	Mr. David Boggs - dgboggs@eiu.edu	Yes	As arranged; late fall/early spring
Orchestra	MUS 0211R	Mr. Commanday - drcommanday@eiu.edu	Yes	T/Th 5:00; W 7:00 – 9:30
Jazz Ensemble	MUS 0220R	Dr. Fagaly - swfagaly@eiu.edu	Yes	MWF 3:00 – 3:50; Th 12:30 – 1:45
Jazz Lab Band	MUS 0221R	Prof. Johnston - prjohnston@eiu.edu	Yes	T/Th 2:00 – 3:15
Jazz Combo	MUS 0222R	Prof. Johnston - prjohnston@eiu.edu	Yes	M/W 4:00 – 4:50 or 5:00 – 5:50
Concert Choir	MUS 0230R	Dr. Howard Eckdahl - music@eiu.edu	Yes	MWF 1:00 – 1:50 Th 3:30 – 4:20
University Mixed Chorus	MUS 0231R	Dr. Howard Eckdahl - music@eiu.edu	No	T/Th 3:30 – 4:45
Camerata Singers	MUS 0233R	Dr. Howard Eckdahl - music@eiu.edu	Yes	T/Th 2:00 – 2:50
Percussion Ensemble	MUS 0240R	Prof. Ryan - jvryan@eiu.edu	Yes	MWF 1:00 – 1:50
Musical Production	MUS 3120R	Dr. Rebecca von Kamp – rlvonkamp@eiu.edu	Yes	MWF 4:00 – 5:50; as scheduled

- **Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Eastern Symphonic Band:** Select ensembles for in-depth study and performance of significant music for band.
- **Panther Marching Band:** Performs for all home football games and may also take off-campus tours.
- **Panther Basketball Band:** Performs at men's and women's basketball games in late fall and early spring.
- **Concert Choir:** A select choir that performs a wide variety of choral compositions by significant composers.
- **University Mixed Chorus:** A large ensemble of mixed voices that performs a variety of choral literature.
- **Camerata Singers:** A select choral ensemble that performs madrigals and other works appropriate for a chamber choir; emphasis on music before 1750.
- **Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band:** Ensembles that offer students the opportunity to study and play the finest big band jazz music.
- **Jazz Combos:** Small jazz groups that perform a wide range of jazz styles with an emphasis on improvisation.
- **Eastern Symphony Orchestra:** Select ensemble designed for the study and performance of significant orchestral literature.
- **Percussion Ensemble:** Performs a variety of chamber works ranging from standard repertoire to the avant-garde and music from the African Diaspora, especially that of Cuba and Brazil.
- **Musical Opera Production:** Musical Production of *Bright Star*.