

# Marching Band

Have the time of your life

Do you want to perform with a great university marching band while earning your degree? Do you want to build a tradition that will last forever? Has marching band been a part of your life for as long as you can remember? Are you interested in marching band scholarships? Then join the Marian University Marching Band!

We know you've worked hard to develop your performance skills. We know that you strive for excellence in all that you do. We know that a disciplined program and expert leadership are important to you. Our marching band is all of these. We are like a family and you'll have the time of your life with us.

## Creating Tradition

This is an exciting time to be a part of Marian University. Building a university marching band means more than just participation.



*"I decided to come to Marian University because I like the feel of the small campus but having the opportunities that come with living in a big city, like playing for events like the Mexican Independence Festival in Garfield Park."*

**Krystina Grewe '13**  
Music education major  
Plays the flute in the marching band

It takes students with vision for the future and an incredible work ethic. Our band members understand that being the "first" to do something means future Marian University students will have to live up to the expectations that you set today. Here, you will be part of creating new traditions that will last for 100 years!

With the support of our partners at Yamaha, Innovative Percussion, Drum Corps International, and Music For All, we are building a top-notch university marching band in one of the finest cities in the nation. Here, you will be immersed in a Catholic university dedicated to excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. We strive to educate the whole person: mind, body, and spirit through emphasis on excellent teaching and learning. Join us as we create new traditions at Marian University.

## Marching Band Scholarships

Marian University offers marching band scholarships to any student, regardless of major. In fact, over 90 percent of our band members receive a scholarship, and most of them are NOT music majors. We look for students with a good attitude and willingness to learn, and we understand that your first priority is to earn your degree while you are here. Scholarships are awarded following a successful audition. If Marian University is the right fit for you, we will work with our Office of Financial Aid to develop a scholarship package that's right for you.

## Expert Leadership

Dr. Sidney T. Hearn directs the Marian University bands, and teaches brass ensemble, instrumental arranging, marching



*"The faculty at Marian University is great! Every professor I have is very knowledgeable. Dr. Hearn is a great director. He is willing to go the distance to make our band program phenomenal."*

**Matthew Cavazos '12**  
Music performance major  
Plays percussion in wind ensemble and bass drum in the marching band

band techniques, and other courses in the music curriculum. He brings to Marian University an extensive background of more than 17 years performing and teaching in the pageantry arts.

Hearn received a doctor of philosophy degree in music education from Auburn University where he taught instrumental, music education, and technology courses in the Music Department and College of Education, and supervised student teachers in elementary, instrumental, and vocal music. His marching band shows have been featured across the Southeast and on ESPN, including the 2005 Nokia Sugar Bowl halftime. Hearn has been actively involved in the drum and bugle corps activity since 1992, and has taught marching and movement with *Spirit of Atlanta*, *The Colts*, and *Boston Crusaders*.

Hearn's experience in the public schools of Alabama includes positions as director of bands at Falkville High School, Northside Middle School, and Deshler High School. He maintains an active schedule as a consultant, adjudicator, designer, researcher, presenter, and guest conductor across the Midwest and Southeast.

### Student-Centered

In 1964, Marian University student John Sweany had a vision to bring the excitement that he experienced through his high school marching band to Marian College (now Marian University). He gathered bargain instruments and six classmates and quickly formed the Marian College Blue Knights, the first collegiate Drum and Bugle Corps in the United States.

During its existence, the student-led group performed at Walt Disney World, the Indianapolis 500 Festival parade, Niagara Falls Blossom Festival, Kentucky Derby parade, and the Holland Tulip Festival. For more than a dozen years, the corps was the heartbeat of the college. Today, that reputation for innovation and a "haughty" spirit continues in the Marian University Marching Band.

"Being in that Drum and Bugle Corps in college certainly changed me," remembers Dianna White, who was Sweany's wife and a member of the color guard. "I never had an opportunity to participate in something like that before. It gave me a sense of esteem and belonging. It taught us all to hold our heads high."

### Benefits

Performing in a university marching band is a practical and effective way to experience great musical teaching and learning while striving to meet school and community expectations. Very few performers ever reach the point of mastery where no part of a performance could be improved, but the process of working toward the goal of mastery is what makes music so rewarding.

The Marian University Marching Band is housed in the Steffen Music Center, a brand new, state-of-the-art music education facility that opened in January 2010. Outdoors, the band practices on a rehearsal field at the Marian University EcoLab, one of the most distinctive outdoor band rehearsal facilities in the country. The band's greatest sense of pride comes from performing for the Marian University Knights football fans. The Marian University Marching Band performs a pre-game show and Knights fans join the band for this event to get ready for a Knights victory.

### Calling All Students

The Marian University Marching Band has earned great respect across campus and throughout the state of Indiana. We are confident that you will find this organization

to be one of the most rewarding musical and social experiences you will have as a student at Marian University. You will meet new friends, move into your residence hall early, travel (all expenses paid), witness some great football games, and receive class credit to do so. Come join us for the time of your life in the Marian University Marching Band.



*"Marian University's band is a lot different. Because we have a smaller number of people, we get a lot of one-on-one practice with our professors. I love the small feel of Marian University because I know everyone. It feels like a large family."*

**Craig Gehlhausen '12**  
**Pastoral music ministry major**  
**Plays the trumpet in the marching band**

## Want to know more?

To learn more about the Marian University Marching Band, contact  
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