Any student may audition for the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Philharmonic Orchestra, or one of the many jazz bands. Auditions take place before school starts. Please visit the School of Music Website at www.niu.edu/music for audition materials and information.

Huskie Pep Band
The Huskie Pep Band performs at Women’s Volleyball games, and Men’s and Women’s Basketball games. You can enroll for a single semester or for both semesters.

All-University Band
The All-University Concert Band meets only one night per week. No audition is required. This ensemble performs two concerts per semester.

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— Dr. Thomas Bough
Director of Athletic Bands

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Perform for Huge Crowds
Huskie Stadium seats 30,000 people, and many of the games are televised. The band has played for sold-out crowds at Soldier Field and at Bowl Games.

Academic Credit
For each semester that you participate, you receive an academic credit.

Dress Sharp
Beautiful, modern FJM uniforms are provided for you.

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Other Information:
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