

MARYLAND



MARCHING BAND

The Mighty Sound of Maryland (MSOM) will provide you with a college experience like no other. The marching band performs at every home football game and travels to an away game each year. We are the most spirited and dedicated cheering section the Terps have!

As a member of the Mighty Sound of Maryland you will play every time the band performs. All majors are welcome! Our 250+ member band represents every academic college and department at the university. In fact, 98% of band members belong to a living and learning program on campus, such as the Honors College or College Park Scholars.

In addition to giving you the opportunity to stay involved in music and perform in front of 50,000 people, the band helps cultivate life-long friendships. The close ties you make with your fellow band members can help you find your niche at UMD. You will always see a familiar face around campus.

The Mighty Sound of Maryland boasts a proud tradition of excellence. We work hard to be “The Best Band in the Land,” and we have fun doing it! In the marching band, you will have opportunities that other students only dream of. Enhance your collegiate experience and be a part of the tradition!



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What are the benefits?

Orientation to College Life

Each new member has a “Band Buddy” who will help you get acclimated with band, campus life and classes, and will help you throughout your first semester. Any questions? Just ask your band buddy!

Academic Excellence

Despite the busy schedule of the marching band season, most students find that their grades are best in the fall because they manage their time better.

Travel

Where else will you get to travel around the country to conference away games and bowl games cheering on your team with 250 friends AND receive academic credit for it?

Life-Long Memories and Friendships

Through rehearsals, games, and traveling, you'll create lasting memories and life-long friendships.

All Are Welcome

You are sure to create your own identity in the Mighty Sound of Maryland- we have a place for everyone. Brass, Woodwinds, Drumline, Color Guard, Dance Team, and Twirlers all make up the "Best Band in the Land." Each section is integral in forming one band with the same standards at every performance.

Early Week

The marching season begins approximately one week before school starts. Students move in early, get adjusted to campus life, meet new people, and make new friends. We learn drill, music, and most importantly, the pride and traditions of being a member of the Mighty Sound of Maryland.

How to Join

There are no auditions for Brass and Woodwind players, but prior experience on the instruments is required. The Color Guard is open to all. The Drumline, Dance Team, and Twirlers are auditioned sections of the band - stay in touch for information on the auditions! MSOM is a 2-credit course. Ask your advisor to sign you up for 2 of the following classes:

MUSC 229F - All Band Members
MUSC 229I - Drumline, Color Guard, Twirlers

MUSC 229G - Brass, Woodwinds
MUSC 229K - Dance Team

**For information about joining MSOM or any ensemble of the Maryland Band program,
text "MUSIC" to 301-329-5097**



Maryland Pep Band



The Pep Band plays at all Men's and Women's home basketball games. You'll never have to worry about getting a seat because your instrument is your ticket! The Pep Band completes the Student Wall in the Xfinity Center, helping cheer our Terps on to victory.

Members of the Pep Band travel to post-season tournaments. Past trips have taken band members to Anaheim, San Francisco, Orlando, New York, Chicago, Denver, New Orleans, Phoenix, Minneapolis, Nashville, and more!

Pep Band is offered for one credit during the spring semester, MUSC229P. Auditions are held during the fall and participation is open to University of Maryland students.