

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CSUN CONCERT BANDS for NEW STUDENTS

There are two concert bands at CSUN: the Wind Ensemble and the Wind Symphony. The “Wind Ensemble” is the more select of the two bands, however both bands require the successful passing of a competitive audition for admission. Not all students who audition will make it into one of the bands. Only those students with the requisite level of performance skill will be placed into one of the two concert bands.

- Upon successfully passing the audition, the student will be placed into either the Wind Ensemble or the Wind Symphony. The conductor (Dr. Stoffel) decides the assignment; students do not choose in which ensemble they perform. A student may request to be assigned to both bands, if desired.
- While the vast majority of students in the CSUN concert bands are music majors, both of these ensembles are open to all CSUN students. Admission, however, is only granted after the successful completion of the competitive audition process.
- CSUN students who are not music majors are encouraged to audition. However, be aware that you are seeking admission into concert bands comprising serious and dedicated musicians. All students, regardless of their major, are expected to meet the same high level of expectations — which includes steadfast attendance at all rehearsals, weekly sectionals, and diligent individual preparation every week.
- CSUN students who are not music majors are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Stoffel prior to auditioning in order to fully understand the audition process and membership expectations. Dr. Stoffel is best reached over the summer months via E-mail: stoffel@csun.edu.

