



“Making Music at Ferris” Fact Sheet

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“MUSIC FOR LIFE!”

Music performance opportunities at Ferris State University are designed to supplement and enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from the high school music setting to the world of adult amateur musical ensembles. FSU students can continue to develop their musical skills and be prepared for a rewarding musical “life after college” by participating in Ferris’ musical ensembles that include both university students and members of the community – the format of the majority of community ensembles throughout the country. In this way, we aspire to inspire all FSU students to continue to enrich their lives and the lives of others as active performers of music – for life!

The FSU Symphony Band

Type of Ensemble:	A symphonic concert band that plays a wide variety of musical styles throughout the year.
Membership:	Open to new & returning FSU students, adults and select high school students. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	One weekly rehearsal on Wednesdays (7:30-9:00p.m.) at the Music Center 108 • Also meets as a 6 week class in June/July.
Credit:	YES. “Music 160: Symphony Band” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
Contact:	Dr. Scott Cohen, director • Music Center 103 • (231)591-2484 • rscohen@ferris.edu • www.ferris.edu/music

The FSU West Central Concert Band

Type of Ensemble:	A symphonic concert band that plays a wide variety of musical styles throughout the year.
Membership:	Open to FSU students with Director’s permission, adults and select high school students. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	One weekly rehearsal on Mondays (7:30-9:00p.m.) at the Music Center Room 108.
Credit:	YES. “Music 262: Concert Band” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
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The FSU Jazz Band

Type of Ensemble:	A “Big Band” style jazz ensemble that plays a wide variety of musical styles and includes improvisation.
Membership:	Open to FSU students and community members. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	Two weekly rehearsals on Mondays & Wednesdays (5:45-7:00p.m.) at the Music Center Room 108.
Credit:	YES. “Music 280: Jazz Ensemble” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
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The FSU West Central Chamber Orchestra

Type of Ensemble:	A string orchestra that plays a wide variety of musical styles from many different periods.
Membership:	Open to FSU students, adult community members and select school students. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	One weekly rehearsal on Tuesdays (7:00-8:30p.m.) at the Music Center Room 108.
Credit:	YES. “Music 271: Chamber Orchestra” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
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The FSU Concert Choir

Type of Ensemble:	Performs a wide variety of musical styles.
Membership:	Open to FSU students and community members.
Rehearsals:	Rehearsals Tue (7:00-8:45p.m.) at the Music Center Room 122.
Credit:	YES. “Music 251: Concert Choir” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
Contact:	Dr. Cate Arroec, director • Music Center 100 • (231)591-2070 • arroec@ferris.edu • www.ferris.edu/music

The FSU Athletic Pep Band

Type of Ensemble:	A “Pep Band” that plays in the stands for home football, hockey and men’s & women’s basketball games.
Membership:	Open to FSU students. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	Two weekly rehearsals on Sundays & Thursdays (8:00-9:00p.m.) at the Music Center Room 108.
Credit:	NO. To sign up, attend the Interest Meeting at 8:00p.m. the Sunday before classes start in the Fall at Music Center108.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
Contact:	Dr. Dale Skornia, director • Music Center 107 • (231)591-2537 • skornid@ferris.edu • www.ferris.edu/music

The FSU Community Summer Band

Type of Ensemble:	A symphonic concert band that plays a wide variety of musical styles during 6 weeks in June and July.
Membership:	Open to FSU students, adult community members and select high school students. Playing Interview required.
Rehearsals:	One weekly rehearsal on Mondays (7:30-9:00p.m.) at the Music Center Room 108.
Credit:	YES. “Music 160: Symphony Band” Meets General Education Requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 1 Credit, repeatable.
Scholarships:	YES. Ability-Based Scholarships awarded based on attendance and contributions to the goals of the ensemble.
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Music 121: Fundamentals of Music

Notation of pitch, meter, rhythm, ear training, structure of all major & minor scales, key signatures, and simple triad construction related to western musical structure. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 2 Credits.

Music 201: Beginning Class Piano

The Piano Class objective is to provide basic music knowledge and basic hands on piano keyboard skills to the beginning student. The student will be expected to understand (including cultural significance), read, and perform (using both hands together) printed piano music and chords. The student will become a functional sight-reader at the piano. 3 Credits.

Music 221: Music Appreciation

Elements of music and historical developments of western music. Designed to expand the music listening experience through awareness in technique of listening. Listening and awareness of selected recordings, readings, and attending concerts. No musical background necessary. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 3 Credits.

Music 228: American Pop Music Since 1900

Popular music styles and forms that have developed through world culture stressing 20th century American music with emphasis on ethnic diversity including New Orleans Dixieland, Chicago Dixieland, the blues, ragtime, swing, small group and eclectic jazz styles, country and western, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, folk, the Broadway musical, and the popular song. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 3 Credits.

Music 232: Music & Culture

Fundamentals of listening and the development of musical sound. Listening to music of western and non-western civilizations that relates to ideas in life's experiences. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment & Global Consciousness. 3 Credits.

Music 236: Music in Film

A survey course for students of all majors who wish to understand the background and historical development of music in the Cinema. Designed to help the student understand the relationship between music soundtracks and the enjoyment of film. Emphasis on viewing and discussing films and soundtracks from the silent era chronologically through the most current influential 21st century films. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 3 Credits.

Music 458: Music Technology

An introduction to the evolving technologies of the music profession, including a discussion of MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface); computer hardware, software and synthesizers; sequencing; CD-ROM; basics of soundboard mixing; patches and connectors in the recording studio; sound reproduction systems and acoustic technology. This course meets General Education requirements: Cultural Enrichment. 3 Credits.

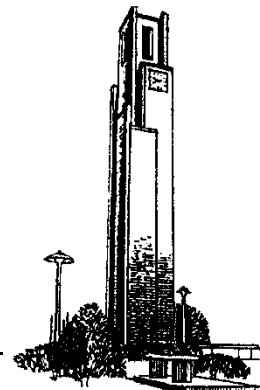
For more information on music courses and performing ensembles, please contact:



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