Who are we?

The Duquesne Pep Band is a highly spirited organization that supports the athletics department and other student events at Duquesne University and the Pittsburgh area. The purpose of this ensemble is to serve the Duquesne University community through its support of the athletic teams and through its participation in non-athletic University and community events. The Pep Band consists of members of the Duquesne University community who are dedicated to the quality of the music and a fun atmosphere.

When do we play?

The Pep Band is committed to performing at all home Men’s & Women’s Basketball and Men’s Football games. On special occasions, the band has performed at additional events, pep rallies, comedy shows, and other Duquesne University events. In recent years, the band has performed as part of the Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race, Coaches vs. Cancer, as well as many other wonderful events. This includes events such as the yearly A-10 Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournaments as well as any NCAA, NIT, or WNIT tournament play that our teams are selected to play in.

When does the band rehearse?

The band rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM.

Is this a course that can be taken for credit?

It is! Pep Band is currently an ensemble course offered through the Mary Pappert School of Music that can be taken for either 0 or 1 credit.

Are there auditions?

There are no auditions for wind instrument players to gain membership to the Pep Band. Due to the nature of the instruments, we may need to hold auditions for the rhythm section as too many players will lead to not enough playing time, resulting in a slower learning process, and an overall lesser enjoyment of the ensemble for all players.

What instruments are used in the pep band?
Standard wind instrumentation including: Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone Sax, Trumpet, Mellophone, Trombone, Baritone, and Tuba and a full rhythm section (drum set, keyboard, guitar, and bass).

**Do I need to be a music major?**

You do not need to be a music major! Typically, we are about 50% science majors, 25% music majors, and 25% other majors.

**I don’t have an instrument, or it is too large to bring to college. Does the band have any available?**

There are a limited number of band-owned instruments, which can be used on a first-come, first-served basis. You can use them at rehearsals and performances, and sign them out for practice or personal use by special arrangement with the director.