What kind of time commitment do I have to make to be in the marching band?

The Husky Band meets eight hours a week for rehearsals and all day on gamedays during Fall Quarter. Rehearsals are held in Husky Stadium, Dempsey Indoor Practice Facility, or the East Practice Field. Although course credit is only given during Fall Quarter, Husky Band is a year-round commitment, as smaller pep bands are requested for community and corporate performances.

Do you have to be a music major to be in the marching band?

No. In fact, Husky Band is proud that we have band members majoring in everything from Architecture to Zoology. Music majors make up a very small percentage of our total membership.

How much money do I have to fund raise?

If you were in high school band, chances are you did plenty of fundraising. The Husky Band historically does very little fundraising as the UW Department of Intercollegiate Athletics pays for our expenses; including meals on trips.

Are any scholarships available?

Yes, but only to members who have been in the Husky Band for at least one year. Scholarships are awarded to members of the band at the end of the year based on marching skill, performance, and commitment to the organization.

What is the audition like?

For the audition, you will need to demonstrate some technique (scales, etc.) on your instrument, as well as perform music sent to you in advance. This will include our fight song and a few short excerpts of Husky Band favorites. It is not difficult, but will require some attention. There will also be a very informal marching audition with the entire group of candidates.

What if I need an instrument?

The Husky Band has a number of instruments available for checkout by band members – Piccolos, Mellophones (F Horns), Marching Baritones, Sousaphones and Percussion. We have a very limited number of other instruments as well. There is no charge for this service.

The Husky Athletic Bands are a great way to get involved at the UW and with UW Athletics. Our members pride themselves on the ‘family’ atmosphere they create, which makes our campus seem a lot smaller. Membership is open to anyone who attends any of the UW Campuses; as well as any colleges in the greater Seattle area. Auditions for the 2017-18’ school year will take place on Sunday, September 10th; with Drumline Auditions taking place on Saturday, April 29th.

If you have been placed on the University’s waitlist for admissions or if you have more questions, please call the Husky Band offices at (206) 543-7557 or send us an e-mail to band@uw.edu. More information (including how to register for auditions and audition requirements) can also be found on our website: www.huskymarchingband.org