

## Course Offerings

- Music Appreciation
- Music Theory I
- Music Theory II
- Music Theory III
- Music Theory IV
- Beginning Piano
- Applied Piano
- Applied Instrumental  
(all band instruments)
- Applied Guitar
- North Iowa Concert Band
- North Iowa Symphony Orchestra
- NIACC Jazz Ensemble
- Chamber Ensembles
- Special Problems in Music



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## Facilities

The Instrumental Music Department facilities are among the best in the state. All rooms are modern and maintained to the highest standards.

- Band rehearsal room
- Practice rooms with pianos
- Computer lab equipped with Macintosh computers
- North Iowa Community Auditorium



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# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC @ NIACC





*The Instrumental Music Department at NIACC offers ensembles for students wishing to continue performing during their college years.*

## Three major ensembles offer academic credit

### **North Iowa Concert Band**

*1 Semester Hour Credit*

The concert band rehearses on Tuesday evenings in preparation for at least one major performance each semester. This ensemble is open to all NIACC students as well as community members in the North Iowa area. School instruments are available for those students not owning their own for each of the instrumental ensembles.

### **North Iowa Symphony Orchestra**

*1 Semester Hour Credit*

Like the concert band, the orchestra involves NIACC students and community members from the North Iowa area. This group generally performs two concerts each year, both on and off campus. Membership in the NISO is by audition only.



### **NIACC Jazz Ensemble**

*1 Semester Hour Credit*

This group concentrates on improvisation, swing interpretation, and jazz repertoire from 1930 to the present in rehearsals twice each week. The NIACC Jazz Ensemble presents one or two major concerts per year and membership is also by audition.

### **NIACC Jazz Festival Clinic**

The NIACC Jazz Festival is an annual opportunity for jazz band students and directors in the North Iowa area to learn in a noncompetitive environment with nationally recognized musicians.

## Scholarships

### **New Scholarships**

New students must participate in an audition on campus for approval of scholarship money from the Instrumental Music Department. The audition will include:

- A prepared etude or solo
- One short sight-reading etude
- Major scales

Musicians are critiqued in the following areas on a 10 point scale.

Technique	Dynamic Control
Tone	Phrasing
Articulation	Sight Reading
Intonation	Major Scales

The amount of money awarded is based on the student's performance at the audition and level of participation in the program. The scholarship will then become active after the student is accepted at NIACC and has registered for at least one performance ensemble and/or Applied Music (*private lessons*).

### **Semester Renewal**

Performance scholarships are renewed for the following semester as long as the student maintains a G.P.A. of 3.00 or higher in all music courses and remains active in the Instrumental program.

### **Yearly Renewal**

The student is required to submit a brief letter to the Director of Bands describing his/her past involvement in the program, including future involvement with the performance ensembles, and requesting renewal of scholarship money.

