

## The Bands of Northwestern State University

The "Spirit of Northwestern" Marching Band is a focal point of pride at athletic events, in parades and at other University functions throughout the year. On the street or on the field, their regal purple and white uniforms reflect the class and spirit of one of the South's oldest and finest educational institutions. Music and marching formations are a unique blend of traditional and contemporary styles. The development of leadership skills through excellence in musical performance, marching performance, scholastic achievement and social opportunity is merely one of the fringe benefits of membership. Band members have consistently won recognition on campus, are active in many campus organizations, and have traditionally had the highest grade point average among campus organizations.

This year, our "SON" Demon Marching Band boasts a total membership of 309. Membership in the "Spirit of Northwestern" is open to all students, regardless of major. Approximately 60% of the members are not music majors. Other university bands open to membership are the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Natchitoches-Northwestern Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, and numerous chamber groups.

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