

The TOP 10 REASONS that
YOU should stay involved in

MUSIC

straight from the mouths of current members of ensembles at USD.



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

10. **It's a GREAT way to meet people you wouldn't normally meet.** Ensembles at USD are not limited to music majors. In fact, nearly every department on campus is represented in each performance.
9. **Ensemble participation counts towards credit for graduation.** Each student is required to complete a humanities requirement. Honestly, sit in class and take tests or make great music? Is there any other reason?
8. **Scholarships are available.** The Department of Music has numerous talent-based scholarships that can be awarded to any USD student.
7. **Numerous travel opportunities.** Ensembles at USD tour the nation on a regular basis and have traveled overseas on several occasions.
6. **A great way to relieve stress.** Is there a better way to relieve the stress of a rough day than making amazing music with your best friends?
5. **Looks good on a resume.** Employers search for individuals who have a great work ethic, are dedicated and can work as a member of a team. Participating in a musical ensemble proves that you can do those three things.
4. **Play music you normally would not play in high school.** Directors at USD hold their ensembles to the highest standard of performance excellence, allowing each group to perform the highest quality of literature available.
3. **Work with an amazing group of faculty.** The Department of Music has 18 full time faculty that are nationally renowned in their field. You can take lessons from an expert on your instrument even if you do not major in music.
2. **Ability level and previous experience matter little.** The ensemble directors understand that not everyone is the same, especially when it comes to musical experiences. Big school, small school, it doesn't matter because everyone has a place in an ensemble here at USD.
1. **It's FUN!** Do you really need any other reasons?

For more information about ensembles at USD,

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Marching Band – MUEN 123
Symphonic Band – MUEN 121*

Concert Choir – MUEN 100*
Men's & Women's Chorus – MUEN 102 & 103

Orchestra – MUEN 110

* By audition