

Band Center. FAC: 1713

CATCODE: 171158

OPR: SAF/PA

OCR: N/A

1.1. **Description.** This facility provides space for the operation and administration of a band and its musical units.

1.2. **Requirements Determination.** Each Air Force Band is divided into several musical units that rehearse and perform simultaneously. The band center includes the following:

1.2.1. **Acoustically Treated Rehearsal and Group Practice Studios.** All required band elements should be able to practice at the same time in different rooms. The size of each rehearsal studio is to be determined by the number of participants, type of music to be rehearsed, and additional space as required to achieve proper acoustical feedback. Do not design studios as a performance space to accommodate spectators.

1.2.2. **Music Library.** This is a secure storage area for musical instruments and supplies; separate lockers, dressing rooms, and restrooms for men and women; and an acoustically treated room for an arranger.

1.2.3. **Administrative Space.** This space has separate offices for the commander, deputy commander (if authorized), band manager, first sergeant, operations section, and administrative support personnel. Consult Chapter 6 on approved office types and sizes.

1.2.4. **Acoustically Treated Training Room.** Requirements implemented through the new Career Field Education and Training Plan (CFETP) rely on machines and interactive computers to measure rhythmic and pitch accuracy, utilizing headphones, microphones, and listening devices. Auditions for program accessions and testing for upgrade training also require this room to be acoustically treated.

1.3. **Scope Determination.** Space requirements are determined by the number of performing groups and the size of the band. Reference AFI 35-101, Public Affairs Policies and Procedures, for further information.

1.4. **Dimensions.** Minimum space requirements are shown in **Table 1** below.

1.5. **Design Considerations.** Contact OPR for the latest guidance on design considerations.

Table 1. Space Requirements for Band Facilities.

Band Size	Gross Area	
	m ²	ft ²
11-piece Band	743	8,000
30-piece Band	1,770	19,000
45-piece Band	2,320	25,000
USAFA Band	2,790	30,000
USAF Band	5,570	60,000

