



York Mills Collegiate Institute
INSTRUMENTAL BAND CLASS
AMI 10 / 20 / 3M / 4M

"M" denotes University/College level

This course is designed for students who have been playing for at least two years

What do we do in Instrumental Band class?

You will learn standard technique for your instrument from various method and solo books. You will play repertoire from notable composers, learn how to work with others, and have opportunities to lead your section. You will develop extensive ear training skills through rhythmic and melodic practice, and also learn how to analyze various genres of music using advanced terminology from the elements of music.

You will gain valuable performing experience by participating in our Winter and Spring Music Nights at York Mills C.I., and for special occasions in our York Mills community. We also compete in various competitions across Toronto and participate in a yearly Band trip.

How are we marked?

There are a set number of test pieces that you play for the teacher to demonstrate that you have understood the techniques and concepts. They can range from technique exercises specifically for your instrument and/or repertoire. Participation in the YMCI Concert Band is required in order to further enhance your ensemble playing skills. Enrichment units, such as Ear training and Music Appreciation, are evaluated by short in-class quizzes.

Do we have to do theory?

Only a very little bit!

If you have already completed your RCM Grade 2 Advanced Rudiments certificate, you will be exempt from all theory and will automatically get 100% for the theory portion of this course.

Do we get to choose our own music?

For your culminating, you will have the opportunity to choose a level-appropriate solo piece.

How do I sign up for this Grade 9 Instrumental Band course?

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Bubble **AMI 101** on your option form.