PERCUSSION TECHNIQUES, Fall 2005
Instructor: Mr. Steven Mathiesen
Office: 111 Foy Hall // Office Phone: 1654 // Home Phone: 570-421-8675
E-mail: stevemathiesen@enter.net

Required Materials
- Breithaupt: *The Complete Percussionist* (bookstore)
- Mathiesen: *Percussion Techniques Through Ensemble Playing* (available at first class)
- Snare Drum Sticks – concert weight (bookstore)

Goals
- Develop instructional skills through performance on percussion instruments.
- Develop a concept of good tone quality on percussion instruments.
- Compile a bibliography of instructional and reference material.
- Learn care and maintenance procedures.

Required Activities
- Participation in lectures, class practice of performance skills & discussions.
- Practice outside of class a minimum of 1/2 hour per day.
- Reading the material on the list shown below as assigned
  - Snare Drum: Breithaupt: 3-5, 8-23
  - Keyboard Percussion: Breithaupt: 55-65
  - Timpani: Breithaupt: 44-54
  - Bass Drum: Breithaupt: 24-26
  - Cymbals: Breithaupt: 26-31
  - Multiple Percussion: Cook: *Teaching Percussion*, 102-114 (available in the library)
  - Section Organization: Breithaupt: 91-94
  - Percussion Accessories: Breithaupt: 32-43
  - Drum Set: Breithaupt: 66-76
  - Marching Percussion: Breithaupt: 77-88
  - Organizing the Curriculum: Breithaupt: 1 - 2
  - Percussion Notation: Breithaupt: 5-7

Attendance
- Punctual attendance at class sessions is required. The final semester grade will be reduced by one degree (i.e. B+ to B) for each absence, beginning with the second absence or accumulated tardiness, unless bona fide documentation is provided to the instructor that the absence is due to a valid reason. It is the responsibility of students who are tardy to see that they have been included in the roll. Attendance at examinations is mandatory.

Assessment
- 1st playing examination – September 26, in class = 25% of the final grade.
- Written exam – October 24, in class = 25% of the final grade.
- Final written examination – December 12, in class = 25% of the final grade.
- Final playing examination – By appointment at the end of the course = 25% of the final grade

Examination Content
- Material is derived from class lectures, reading and library assignments.
- Written exams contain multiple choice, short answer and essay questions.
- Playing exam requirements will be given at least one week prior to the exam.

Miscellaneous Points
- No food or beverages may be consumed in class (water excepted).
- Cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices may not be used during class.
- The use of recording devices is prohibited without the permission of the instructor.
- This course outline is subject to change if conditions warrant.