PERCUSSION TECHNIQUES, Spring 2006
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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 – February 13, in class = 25% of the final grade.
• Written exam – February 27, in class = 25% of the final grade.
• Final written examination – April 24, 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.