PERCUSSION TECHNIQUES
MUS 135.1
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Required Materials
• Breithaupt: *The Complete Percussionist*, 2nd Edition (bookstore)
• Mathiesen: *Percussion Techniques Through Ensemble Playing* (bookstore)
• 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 on the appropriate OUTLINE & ASSIGNMENTS table in the *Percussion Techniques Through Ensemble Playing* text.

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 11, 2008 - by appointment - 25% of the final grade.*

• 1st written examination
  • *February 25, 2008 - in class - 25% of the final grade.*
  • Note: This date differs from the date given in the OUTLINE & ASSIGNMENTS table in the *Percussion Techniques Through Ensemble Playing* text. The date given here, February 25, is the correct date for the exam.

• 2nd written examination
  • *April 21, 2008 - in class - 25% of the final grade.*

• 2nd playing examination
  • *April 21, 2008 – by appointment - 25% of the final grade.*

• Examination Content
  • Material is derived from class lectures and reading 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.