

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, 9-23
 - 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.