



Pedagogy & Literature Spring 2026 Course Syllabus

Course Information

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Course Description

Topics in pedagogy and literature is a project based course designed to cover relevant approaches to teaching and important literature in the field. The course is adapted to meet individual student needs.

Required Materials

Percussion Pedagogy by Michael Udow
PAS membership

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of percussion literature and pedagogical techniques through a project portfolio
2. Demonstrate career readiness through building a resume and curriculum vitae

Preparation

Students will be expected to come to each class with assigned reading completed. Classes will often involve discussion. Contributions to the discussion will be apart of the grade for the course.

Attendance

Attendance is required for each class period. This class will meet once per week. Each unexcused absence will result in a one letter grade deduction. I will allow one unexcused absence.

Grading

4 Projects: 20% each

Class discussions: 20%

AI Technology

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You can use AI programs (ChatGPT, Copilot, etc.) in this course. These programs can be powerful tools for learning and other productive pursuits, including completing assignments in less time, helping you generate new ideas, or serving as a personalized learning tool. However, your ethical responsibilities as a student remain the same. You must follow UT Tyler's Honor Code and uphold the highest standards of academic honesty. This applies to all uncited or improperly cited content, whether created by a human or in collaboration with an AI tool. If you use an AI tool to develop content for an assignment, you must cite the tool's contribution to your work.

Week 1: Career goals and projects
Week 2: Grip and Strokes
Week 3: Stickings and Stroke Types
Week 4: Phrasing
Week 5: Listening
Week 6: Embellishments
Week 7: Teaching Duple subdivisions
Week 8: Rhythm
Week 9: Integrated Rhythms
Week 10: Breath Rhythms
Week 11: Instrument specific chapters
Week 12: Selected Articles
Week 13: Resume/CV
Week 14: Present Projects
Week 15: Finals Week