Percussion Ensemble
Fall 2026
Course Syllabus

Course Information

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Course Description

Percussion ensemble is intended to improve technical proficiency and musical awareness through performing works in a chamber setting.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate ensemble skills such as non-verbal communication, aural adjustment, and effective rehearsal techniques.
2. Demonstrate proper technique on a variety of percussion instruments in practical performance situations.

Preparation and Practice

Students will be expected to come to rehearsals prepared with designated sections of music. A student who demonstrates repeated lack of preparation may be asked to discontinue participation.

Attendance

Attendance is required at all rehearsals unless prior approval or extenuating circumstances occur. We will rehearse as much as necessary to learn the material. The more you prepare outside of rehearsal, the faster we will learn the material and less rehearsal time we will need. Unexcused absences will result in a grade deduction of 5%.

Grading

Preparation (can you play the assigned section): 30%
Attendance: 70%

Performances

Performances are required. We prepare all semester to perform. If you miss a performance or dress rehearsal, you will fail the course. The performances are as follows:

- Dress Rehearsal 10/27/26 @ 5pm
- Performance 10/28/26 @6:30pm

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