

Applied Percussion—The University of Texas at Tyler Fall 2018 Syllabus

General Information

Course Name: Applied Percussion
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Class Time: By Appointment

Course No.: MUAP XX57
Class Location: FAC 2007
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Office Hour: Monday, 9:00-10:00am

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to develop students into well-rounded percussionists with a proficiency covering the many requirements of a modern musician. Areas of study will include technique, performance practice, pedagogy, repertoire selection, instrument maintenance, and entrepreneurship. Instruments of study will include snare drum, keyboard percussion, timpani, orchestral accessories, and drum set. Other areas of interest to the student will be considered and the distribution of study on each instrument will be tailored to the goals and needs of each individual student.

Objectives for this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficiency on at least two instruments of study through performance of common repertoire and etudes.
2. Discuss the historical relevance of each instrument and where the repertoire they are performing falls in the historical timeline.
3. Integrate concepts learned in other areas to their performance of the literature. These other areas could include, but are not limited to, music theory, music history, aural skills, world history, and music education.

Communication:

I am typically very quick at responding to questions and concerns. Please feel free to contact me by email (coreyrobinson@uttyler.edu) at any time. Contact by phone or text (940-600-0217) is also encouraged but only between the hours of 8am and 9pm on weekdays. Do not wait until your next lesson to tell me that you did not understand an assignment or could not retrieve the required materials. If you let me know ahead of time I will be more likely to be able to help resolve the situation. If I contact you, a response is expected within 24 hours. Timely responses by email or phone are imperative due to my schedule of only being at UT-Tyler on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Course Requirements:

Attendance:

You must attend each of the 14 lessons throughout the semester. Absences will be excused for the following reasons: illness, death in the family, or an approved and school-sponsored

trip. Any other reasons will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In order for any of these absences to be excused, I must be notified in advance. Two or more unexcused absences may result in a lowering of the final grade for the course. In the event that I must miss a lesson, it will be rescheduled, and you will be notified well in advance if at all possible. Excessive absences may also result in a loss or decrease of music department scholarship funds.

Preparation:

Preparation is critical to success in applied lessons. Most of the learning that takes place occurs by oneself in a practice room. I am here to guide you towards situations where you can successfully make progress toward your goals. The minimum requirement for personal practice is 2 hours a day, 6 days a week. More practice is encouraged as the competitiveness of any musical field continues to increase year by year. The importance of improving yourself as a musician is paramount, as it will translate directly to your success as a teacher, performer, administrator, or industry worker.

Curriculum and Materials:

The curriculum for this course will be determined collaboratively by the teacher and the student in order to address the specific goals of each individual student. You will be required to buy a substantial number of method books, pieces of music, recordings, implements, and instruments. All of these materials will help you when you go to teach. If you have questions about what to buy, please discuss this with me, as I can guide you in the right direction.

Grading:

Students will be graded according to their lesson preparation and their development and improvement throughout the term.

Weekly Preparation..... 70%

Quality of preparation, consistency of preparation, consistency in progress, literature and technical material covered.

Recital Performance..... 15%

All students are required to perform at least once during the weekly masterclass. Performance majors are required to perform twice. The performance will be graded on musicianship, professionalism, and technical proficiency.

Jury 15%

All students are required to perform a jury at the end of the semester. The jury will be based on the instruments and materials covered throughout the semester. Grading of the performance will be based on overall musicianship, professionalism, technical proficiency, and improvement over the course of the semester.

Other Information

UT Tyler Honor Code:

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

Students Rights and Responsibilities:

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link:

<http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>.

Campus Carry:

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at

<http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University:

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. (For Fall, the Census Date is Sept. 10.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (Sept. 10th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non- payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability/Accessibility Services:

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student services/ADA Coordinator has been scheduled. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150, or call 903.566.7079.

Student Absence due to Religious Observance:

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Student Standards of Academic Conduct:

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

i. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program; collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructor has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;

- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
- taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
- misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

ii. “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

iii. “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)