

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

General Information

Course Name: Percussion Ensemble
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Class Time: Monday, 4:30-7:00pm

Course No.: MUEN 1131-002/3131-002
Class Location: FAC 2007
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Office Hours: Monday, 9:00-10:00am

Course Description:

The University of Texas at Tyler Percussion Ensemble is open to both percussion majors and non-majors. This ensemble serves as the primary chamber ensemble for percussion literature at UT-Tyler. Each semester the ensemble will perform a concert that incorporates different styles and genres of music commonly performed by percussion ensembles. These styles include, but are not limited to:

1. Standard, modern percussion ensemble literature
2. Historical works from the first half of the 20th century
3. New commissions and premieres
4. Jazz and popular music
5. Non-Western music
6. Various experimental and theatrical music

Objectives for this Course:

Our primary goal is to produce musical performances of the highest caliber, for the benefit and enjoyment of the ensemble members and our audiences. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Through performance, demonstrate improvement in the development of musicianship and chamber ensemble skills
2. Perform and discuss various styles of percussion ensemble literature
3. Develop a broad understanding of the history, common styles, and repertoire of the percussion ensemble medium to successfully lead a percussion ensemble in the future.

Communication:

As with many aspects of life, communication is paramount to the accomplishment of our goals. Each performer plays an integral role in the success of the ensemble and must clearly communicate any issues that come up throughout the semester. These issues could include attendance at rehearsals, difficulty of music, misunderstanding of assignments, or questions about interpretation. Developing clear and effective communication is one of the many skills that can be developed through the performance of chamber music.

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 the beginning of rehearsal to tell me that you have lost your music. 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Course Requirements:

Attendance:

You must be at every rehearsal and performance. A schedule for each rehearsal will be distributed to each member of the ensemble with advanced notice. Plan to attend every scheduled meeting. There is a chance that there will be a few rehearsals where you do not have to attend because we will be working on music for which you do not have a part. These cases will be minimal. 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 will result in a lowering of your final grade in the course. Absence from any dress rehearsal or concert results in an automatic F. Excessive absence may also result in a loss or decrease of music department scholarship funds.

Important Dates:

11-11 Dress Rehearsal 6pm-9pm
11-12 Dress Rehearsal 6pm-9pm
11-13 Percussion Ensemble Concert 7:30pm
2-13 to 2-16 TMEA Convention

Preparation:

All ensemble members are expected to prepare the parts assigned them through individual practice outside of class time. This is the single most important factor in having effective rehearsals and, as a result, excellent performances. You must practice your parts and come to ensemble rehearsals prepared. If everyone meets this expectation, we will have a positive experience and make great strides toward reaching our full potential.

Materials:

Please keep all of your music in a folder with your name on it in a secure location. This will ensure that you will not lose any music when it gets thrown into a pile with many other loose papers left sitting around the percussion room. Always have a pencil at rehearsal. Taking notes on your music is essential to remembering all of the little details that make for a successful performance. (Many professional musicians mark up their music more than you would imagine!)

Set-up and Tear-down:

Each student is required to be set-up by the beginning of the rehearsal for the pieces that we are rehearsing that day. If you are coming from another class that is far away, find a friend who will help you get set-up in time. If at all possible, try not to schedule anything before percussion ensemble so you have plenty of time to move equipment and be prepared to play on time. There are no excuses in this area, as our limited rehearsal time can not be wasted trying to get set up.

All students are expected to help tear down equipment and put it back in its proper place. If you have a small set-up and someone else uses a lot of gear, help them! Maintaining neatness in the percussion room is paramount for timely rehearsals.

Grading:

Each student will be graded on their preparedness for each rehearsal (50%), attendance (25%), and professionalism (25%). Consistent rehearsals where parts are not learned, tardiness, or absence from rehearsals or performance can result in a lowering of your grade.

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)