

University of Kentucky Percussion Studies

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Syllabus for Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band
MUC 173 (1 credit ea. section); MUP 570 (1 credit ea. section)

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Class Times

MUC 173, Section 001 Steel Band: M, W, and F at 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
MUC 173, Section 002: Percussion Ensemble: T and Th at 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
MUC 570, Section 010 Steel Band: M, W, and Friday at 8:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
MUC 570, Section 001: Percussion Ensemble: T and Th at 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

All classes meet in FA 22. A rehearsal schedule for the week will be posted in advance. Office hours by appointment.

Prerequisites

Satisfactory audition and/or approval of the instructor. Placement auditions are required at the start of each semester.

Course Description

Students will acquire an understanding of the percussion ensemble repertory and the ability to perform from a cross-section of that repertory.

Student Learning Outcome

Students will prepare, for performance, selected percussion ensemble literature with musical understanding and control. Students will also develop techniques that will enable the individual to achieve artistic excellence while demonstrating the knowledge and skills sufficient to work as a leader and in collaboration on matters of musical interpretation in a group environment.

For graduate students, there is an increase in expectations regarding the level of technical proficiency and artistic expression that is achieved and mentored to undergraduates through the leadership opportunities they are provided.

Course Activities

Students will experience the rehearsal of percussion literature from all periods and styles of percussion music. Rehearsals will focus on group cohesiveness and interpretation rather than individual preparation. The rehearsals will culminate in public concert performances during the semester. Concert dates will be set in advance and should be noted by the student.

Attendance and Grades

Students will be responsible for the timely preparation of assigned repertoire so that their progress and fluency remains commensurate with that of the overall group. Students consistently found to be ill prepared will be removed from the assigned part and have their grade lowered one letter grade per occurrence.

Attendance becomes very important to this class since all players are assigned to unique parts. Grades will be lowered 1(one) letter for each unexcused absence. Student grades will be lowered 1/2 (one-half) letter if they are present, but not prepared to rehearse at the beginning of the morning class time, or more than 10 minutes late in beginning the afternoon rehearsal. Since concerts constitute the culmination of the course preparation, an absence at a performance will result in failure of the course.

All students are required to set-up and strike after each concert. Everyone will remain until all equipment is returned to its proper storage area. Grades will be lowered 1(one) letter for each unexcused absence at set-up or strike. Grades will be lowered 1/2 (one-half) letter if they are late to an assigned set-up or strike.

Other

Students are financially responsible for the music and equipment they are assigned. Any student who loses their assigned music must replace the entire composition or provide an original published version of the lost part/score.

Unless otherwise notified, the dress for UK Percussion Ensemble concerts will be either solid black or blue long sleeve shirt/blouse (specified in advance of concert), with black slacks/skirt and black dress shoes (No athletic shoes). Most large ensembles in the School of Music ask participants to provide a tuxedo/black dress for concert performances as well. Dress for the UK Steel Band programs is casual, but defined in advance of each event.

Excused Absences

Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. S.R. 5.2.4.2 defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit “reasonable cause for nonattendance” by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Information regarding dates of major religious holidays may be obtained through the Ombud (859-257-3737).

Students are expected to withdraw from the class if more than 20% of the classes scheduled for the semester are missed (excused or unexcused) per university policy.

Verification of Absences

Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 states that faculty have the right to request “appropriate verification” when students claim an excused absence because of illness or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to university-related trips is required prior to the absence.

University Health Service (UHS) does not provide students with excuses for absences or tardiness from classes due to illness or injury. Class attendance is an administrative matter between faculty and students. This policy reinforces the students' responsibility to communicate directly and proactively with faculty about conditions that interfere with their class attendance. Part of the mission at UHS is to teach appropriate health care consumerism. The practice of providing medical excuses sends mixed messages to students about the appropriate use of health care resources. UK has established a 3-tier system for students to communicate with professors

regarding class absences: <http://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/uhs/student-health/attendance/>

Accommodations Due to Disability

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at drc@uky.edu. Their web address is <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/>.