

Percussion Instruments

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Music 219, Section 010

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- Required Text:** *Percussion Methods* by Stephen Primatic
Up Front by Jim Casella and Jim Ancona – *optional text*
- Required Tools:** Snare Sticks, Marimba, Timpani Mallets (course fee covers this)
Sticks and mallets are yours to keep
Practice Pads must be returned at the end of the semester
- Goals:** Give hands on instruction for basic percussion instruments including: pedagogy, performance techniques, tuning, care and maintenance.
Students will be evaluated by classroom participation, written and playing/composition exams. (PLG 1, 2)*
- Grading:** Average of: 4 written exams and 3 playing/composition exams plus attendance (see below)
- **It is the students' responsibility to print out notes and music from the supplied files. I will not supply paper copies of this material after the first class.**
 - **One unexcused absence is allowed. For each subsequent absence the student's grade will be lowered by ½ letter.**
 - **Excused absences include illness, family emergencies or religious holidays. All health related absences must be documented. No exceptions.**
 - **If a student has an excused absence for ANY exam, they must reschedule the day of the exam. If not, the exam grade will be lowered by a full letter grade for each day after.**
 - **An unexcused absence for an exam will result in an "F" grade for that test (grade of "0")**
 - **A pattern of unexcused tardiness (5 or more times) will lower grade by ½ letter.**
 - **All Theory/Comp and Percussion Majors must do composition projects instead of performance exams. All other students will do performance exams.**
 - **All composition projects will have the grade lowered by ½ letter for each day late. These should be sent via email.**
 - **For composition projects - Sibelius files are fine – Finale files must be sent as an XML file.**
 - **3/26-30 Spring Break**
 - **PLEASE be respectful to fellow students and turn off your cell phones prior to class!**

* For more information about the UD Department of Music's Programmatic Learning Goals (PLGs), please visit <http://www.music.udel.edu/academics/Pages/assessment.aspx>