

Marching Percussion Techniques - Spring 2018

MUSC 221 section 010, 1 credit – Monday, Wednesday 4:35PM – 5:45PM

Center for the Arts – Puglisi Orchestra Hall

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Required materials:

- Practice pad and sticks for ALL students
- Notebook and pencil
- Your own personal drum key or ratchet for the battery drums
- Text Books - Pit will need *Up Front* (book from TapSPACE.com) – Battery must download all materials from udbpercussion.org

Goals:

- Further define and master the technical style
- Application of technique to musical settings
- Learning fundamentals of tuning and maintenance
- Continue to refine rehearsal technique
- For music education majors - develop a better understanding and confidence in starting, teaching, and arranging for a marching percussion ensemble (PLG 1, PLG 2)*

Grading:

Grades will be based on an average of 6 video assignments, one group arranging project, and participation in the maintenance day (last day of classes).

Videos should be uploaded to Canvas or a YouTube link provided

Attendance:

- **One unexcused absence will be allowed** - each subsequent absence will result in lowering the final grade by one half of a letter (A equals A-) - excused absences will be handled on an individual basis
- Excused absences include documented illness, family emergencies, class/exam conflicts, religious holidays
- **An unexcused absence from inventory and maintenance day will automatically lower the student's grade by a half letter**

Music Arranging Group Project:

- The goal is to create an exercise or music excerpt – at least 30 seconds long (that's 16 bars of 4/4 approximately)
- Should be written for UDMB battery instrumentation and keyboards (timpani, accessories are optional).
- Set a technical goal. What stroke types? What are you developing? 2 mallets? 4 mallets?
- These will be presented and played by the class – all work should be done on some kind of notation software. Scores must be detailed and “clean”.

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