

# MUSC 2800N/4800N/5800N PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE SPRING 2016

## Instructor

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Office Hours: Tuesday/Thursday 9:30-10:30

## Class Meeting

Percussion Ensemble meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm. The official class time extends to 8:00 but we will seldom go that late. A weekly schedule will be posted; you are only required to be present when pieces you are assigned are being rehearsed. You should be set up and ready to go by the assigned time for each and every rehearsal. We will meet in the bandroom for the first hour and then in the studio for the second.

## Course Description

"The study and performance of literature composed for small ensembles from traditional, original, transcribed, contemporary, and diverse cultural sources. May include on-campus and sometimes off-campus performances. Open by permission to music-major and non-music-major students."

## Performance Expectations

**Concert date TBA.** Failure to attend will result in failure of the class.

## Rehearsal Expectations

The instructor will clearly publish what is to be rehearsed each week on the percussion studio bulletin board. This material should be prepared fully. Students enrolled in 4800N or 5800N have increased class expectations. These include but are not limited to enhanced musical difficulty, modeling for 2800N students, and raised individual preparation expectations.

## Materials

All music and all necessary sticks and mallets are required at each rehearsal. Again, you are expected to be set up and ready to go by the posted rehearsal time for each piece.

## Attendance

A missed rehearsal will result in a zero grade. If you know you will miss a rehearsal in advance (such as for an approved school function) you must let the instructor know **one week in advance** so that the schedule can be altered accordingly. If you miss for a true emergency, such as an illness with a doctor's note or death in the family, you must notify the instructor no later than 24 hours after the missed rehearsal. In this case, no grade will be given for that week.

## Grading

A weekly grade will be assigned on the following criteria: A (100)=Fully prepared, B (85)=Partially prepared, C (75)=Unprepared, F (0)=Unexcused absence. Final grade averages will follow the following scale: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=59 and below.

## University Policy

Please view the following link to read updated university policies:

[http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common\\_Language\\_for\\_Course\\_Syllabi.pdf](http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf)