Instructor
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Class Meeting & Schedule
Your applied lesson time will be arranged with the instructor and will meet in the Percussion Studio, located in the Humanities Building, Room 329. Class time will be arranged with the instructor the first week of classes. Additionally, attendance is required at the four MUSC 1000 Studio Classes to be held on the following Mondays from 3:30-4:45: 8/26, 9/16, 10/28, 12/2. No lessons will be held on the following school holidays: Labor Day (9/2), Fall Break (10/3-10/4), Thanksgiving Break (11/25-11/29).

Course Description
“Private lessons for music majors at the upper-division level on the principal instrument or voice. Lessons include studies in technical, stylistic, and aesthetic elements of artistic performance. Repertory studied is from the standard literature. Repertoire requirements increase with credit hours”

Performance Expectations
Each student will perform a jury each semester unless they are performing a recital or level change, which will replace the jury. Additionally, each student is required to perform on a MUSC 1000 Student Recital Hour at least once per year, more for performance majors-2 the sophomore year, 3 the junior, and 4 the senior. All students are encouraged to audition for Wind Ensemble and to register for Percussion Ensemble. All majors are required to perform twice per semester in a studio class.

Recitals
Performance majors will present a half recital during the Junior year (20-40 minutes) and a full recital during the Senior year (40-60 minutes). Music Education students will present a half recital (20-40 minutes) during the final semester of applied study. There is an option for a hearing-in-lieu of a recital, but it is strongly encouraged that all percussion majors present a public recital. A hearing must be passed 2 calendar weeks prior to the recital date.

Practice Requirements
Students are required practice the minimum of one hour per day per credit hour. A sign-up sheet will be posted for the studio for the hours of 3:00-midnight Monday-Friday and 6:00-midnight on weekends; you may sign up for your number of credit hours per day. The bandroom and the hall marimba room are also available for practice space.

Literature
Literature will be planned for the semester in the first lesson, with possible additions made if necessary. All materials must be available by the third lesson. No copies will be made or allowed in lessons. Literature will be selected on an individual basis, with difficulty correlating with number of credit hours and course level.
**Materials**

Note: Personal items (including mallet bags) cannot be stored in the Percussion Studio. It is strongly advised that you rent a locker; you can see Kari Ann in the music office to arrange this.
- Music as assigned by the instructor and portfolio for storage.
- Notebook for lesson notes.
- Metronome
- 12” Drumpad

**Equipment:**

2600 level percussion majors should own a minimum of the following:
- One set of 4 "medium hard" marimba mallets
- One pair of concert snare sticks
- One pair drumset sticks
- One pair of general timpani mallets
- One pair general xylophone mallets
- One "A" tuning fork
- One drum key
- Appropriate bag to store materials.

4600 level percussion majors should add the following:
- One set of 4 "medium" vibraphone mallets
- Two additional pairs of timpani mallets, an articulate mallet and a soft ball mallet
- One pair soft xylophone/glockenspiel mallets
- One to two pairs of "soft" marimba mallets

**Attendance**

A missed lesson will result in a zero grade. If you know you will miss a lesson in advance, such as for an approved school function, you must let the instructor know in advance to reschedule. 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 lesson. Rescheduling is at the discretion of the instructor. A maximum of 2 lessons will be rescheduled for any reason. Any absence beyond that will result in a zero grade. 2 unexcused absences prior to midpoint could result in administrative withdrawal.

**Grading**

Weekly grade: 80%

This grade will be given by the instructor at your lesson and will be based on the following criteria: attaining proper materials, completion of practice, attendance and participation in your lesson and attendance to studio class if applicable. Your grade will be posted on CourseDen by the end of each week.

Jury/Recital/Level Change: 20%

This is the average of the grades given by all professors hearing the jury/level change.

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**

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**Wellness**

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