

**The University of Texas at Austin
Percussion Department**

**Percussion Ensemble
Course Syllabus
ENS 189P, 109D
Fall 2019**

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Objectives:

1. The Percussion Ensemble, and its related ensembles, is a performing organization designed to improve the playing skills and develop overall musicianship of its players.
2. The students will learn organizational and preparation skills.
3. The students will learn how to rehearse and perform chamber music.
4. Students will perform repertoire of the finest original music for percussion ensemble(s).

Grading Policy:

All students enrolled in Percussion Ensemble will be given an “A” in the course provided they are in attendance and properly prepared and attired at all rehearsals and performances, perform their individual parts, and meet their general obligations to the ensemble.

Attendance Policy:

Students are not allowed any unexcused absences from a regular scheduled rehearsal. An absence may be excused only if the instructor is notified at least 24 hours in advance.

Expectations:

This ensemble will be one of the finest ensembles you will be a part of. With that in mind, please be ready to play, with your set-up complete, and your music learned. The instructor will not teach rhythms in class, nor will sight-reading be tolerated. You must be familiar with the music enough so we can learn to play together and focus on the music!

You must have:

- All of your instruments set-up before rehearsal begins
- A pencil
- Photocopies of any difficult page turns
- A diagram of any complicated set-ups

A student will fail the course if he/she misses a dress rehearsal or performance. The only excuse in this case is the extreme illness or death in the family.

Performance Date: November 5th, 7:30pm Bates Recital Hall

Concert Dress: Black long sleeved button down shirt, black slacks, black socks and shoes.

Special needs:

The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To determine if you qualify, please contact the Dean of Students at 471-6259; 471-4641 TTY. If they certify your needs, I will work with you to make appropriate arrangements.