Percussion Ensemble (MUEN 1133)  Dr. Matthew McClung
MF 2:00-3:15, plus additional times as required  CA 133 825-2305
Fall 2015  Office Hours: 10:00-11:00
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Required Materials : TBA

Semester-end Performance:  Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30pm, Performing Arts Center

Other Performances:  Wednesday, November 11th, Tour

Prerequisite: Sufficient competency in percussion, to be determined if necessary by private consultation with Dr. McClung

General Description:  The TAMUCC Percussion Ensemble performs one concert per semester, typically in mid-November and late April. Rehearsals are as scheduled. Additional rehearsals and/or performances may be required, depending on student schedules and the progress of a given piece.

Student Learning Outcomes: Each player will learn to perform at a high level in a chamber ensemble, often unconducted and sometimes from memory. The skills needed for such a performance include dedication, teamwork, attention to detail, musical judgment, and a high level of technical proficiency.

Grading: (90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, 0-59% F)

Grades will be determined from the following guidelines:

50% Attendance
Your punctual presence at all rehearsals is vital to your education and the success of the group as a whole. ANY absences not excused by either a doctor’s note or notice of an official university function will result in a lowering of your attendance grade. Absence 1: Free! Absence 2: 10% reduction. Absence 3: Additional 20% reduction. Absence 4: Additional 20% reduction.

50% Miscellaneous
Sufficient preparation, courteous behavior, flexibility, positive attitude, helpfulness towards your fellow percussionists, general enthusiasm, willingness to take on occasional tasks for the good of the ensemble, etc.
**Academic Integrity/Plagiarism.**

University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in dire consequences.

**Dropping a Class**

I hope that you never find it necessary to drop this or any other class. However, events can sometimes occur that make dropping a course necessary or wise. Please consult with me before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, you must initiate the process to drop the course by going to the Student Services Center and filling out a course drop form. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. You will be notified as to the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

**Classroom/professional behavior**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

**GRADE APPEALS PROCESS:** Students who feel that they have not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in this class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details on the process of submitting a formal grade appeal, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, cla.tamu.edu/students/studentinfo.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean.

**Disabilities Accommodations**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that
provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call or visit Disability Services at (361) 825-5816 in Driftwood 101.

If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.