Percussion Ensemble (MUEN 1133)  Dr. Matthew McClung
MF 2:00-3:15, plus additional times as required  CA 127 825-2305
Spring 2018  Office Hours: 10:00-11:00
Email: Matthew.Mcclung@tamucc.edu  M-F and by appointment

Required Materials: TBA

Semester-end Performance: Friday, April 13, 7:30pm, Performing Arts Center
Additional Performances: TBA

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: Failure of the class

25% Playing Tests
Each student will be required to complete 2 playing tests during the semester. The student will video-record a pre-determined passage of his or her part, at a pre-determined tempo, with AN AUDIBLE METRONOME clicking in the video. These videos (normally less than 60 seconds each) are to be posted as unlisted videos and the links submitted via Blackboard.

25% 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.
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 Corpus Christi Hall 116.

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.

Academic Advising
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. Degree plans are prepared in the CLA Academic Advising Center. The University uses an online Degree Audit system. Any amendment must be approved by the Department Chair and the Office of the Dean. All courses and requirements specified in the final degree plan audit must be completed before a degree will be granted. The CLA Academic Advising Office is located in Driftwood #203. For more information please call 361-825-3466.

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 your academic advisor, the Financial Aid Office, and me, before you decide to drop this course. 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. April 6, 2018, is the last day to drop a class with an automatic grade of “W” this term.

Grade Appeals
As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.03, Student Grade Appeals. These documents are accessible online at: http://academicaffairs.tamucc.edu/rules_procedures/assets/13.02.99.C0.03_student_grade_appeals.pdf. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Associate Dean’s office in the college in which the course is taught. For complete details on the
process of submitting a formal grade appeal in CLA, please visit the College of Liberal Arts website, http://cla.tamucc.edu/about/student-resources.html.

**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.

**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 immediate disembowelment.

**Statement of Academic Continuity**
In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.