

**Percussion Performance Fall 2012**  
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**Mus 1549/1550**

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**Course Description**

Private instrumental study with concentration on technical and musical advancement. Students at this level should at a minimum:

1. Read common time comfortably
2. Display knowledge of snare drum rudiments
3. Display basic rock and jazz styles on drum set

**Course Objectives**

Music 1549/1550 develops the students skills in the following categories:

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1. Musicianship
    - Concert Reading ( percussion solo, band and orchestral music)
    - Drum set ( chart reading in different idioms )
    - Major and minor scales for keyboard percussion
  2. Technique
    - Stick Control (wrist and finger control exercises)
    - Intermediate three way and beginning four way coordination on drum set
    - Two and beginning four mallet studies for keyboard percussion
    - Ear training exercises for timpani studies
  3. Repertoire: perform in a variety of styles with an understanding of interpretation and techniques applicable to the style and period
  4. Research/ Listening: a wide variety of listening assignments will be given via the Music Dept.'s CD/ Video collection and online resources (youtube,etc.)
  5. Performance: all students are expected to attend selected GW Ensemble
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## **Text and Supplies**

Students will be expected to have the following method books and supplies:

Snare Drum : George Lawrance Stone Stick Control  
Ted Reed Syncopation Vol. 1  
Garwood Whaley Intermediate Studies for Snare Drum

Keyboard Percussion : Thomas McMillan Percussion Keyboard Technique  
Morris Goldenberg Modern School for Xylophone

Tympani: Garwood Whaley Fundamental Studies For Tympani

Drum Set: Joel Rothman Basic Drumming  
John Pickering The Drummer's Cookbook  
Steve Haughton Essential Styles Vol. 1

Vic Firth practice pad  
Metronome  
Appropriate sticks, mallets and brushes

## **Expected Learning Outcomes**

On completion of zero level study in percussion, students will be prepared to:

Musicianship: Perform and use learned skills in a variety of music situations ranging from solo work to small ensemble and orchestral work.

Performance:

- Perform repertoire from different styles of music including but not limited to:  
Rudimental, Orchestral, Rock, Jazz, Latin
- Knowledge of foreign musical terms how they apply to your piece
- Be able to explain and discuss the historical evolution and style you are playing

Critical Understanding

- Understand merits of technical and interpretive performance choices and support choices in a statement or in a response to questions at a performance exam
- Speak with a perceivable argument

## **Resources**

For method books and sheet music I recommend the following :

Amazon [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  
Steve Weiss Music [www.steveweissmusic.com](http://www.steveweissmusic.com)  
Fox's Music 703-533-7393

Feel free to email me @ [jcrockett59@aol.com](mailto:jcrockett59@aol.com) or call 571-212-1173 with any lesson related concerns, conflicts or problems.

The Dept. of Music office personnel consists of Kaithlyn or Josh for questions pertaining to departmental concerns. 202-994-6245

## **Grading**

Students' grade will be determined by:

- Attendance
- Preparation of assigned material
- Supplementary assignments such as listening/video and concert attendance
- 100% of your grade is given by the instructor, based on the above criteria.

## **Lesson Protocol and Progress**

Students are expected to attend all lessons. Students are expected to show up at each lesson with appropriate sticks, mallets and books.

Only students who make excellent progress will receive A's. To earn an A in this class you must engage in the study of percussion at the technical, musical and intellectual levels. Your success is related to the amount of time and progress achieved in each of these categories. Students are expected to practice daily for a minimum time equal to the length of their lesson.

## **Attendance**

- Lessons per semester - 14
- The Dept. of Music is not obligated to schedule make-up lessons for those missed due to non-attendance. In the event of instructor cancellation, a make-up date will be scheduled.
- If you are unable to attend your lesson, please notify me @ 571-212-1173 or email me at [jcrockett59@aol.com](mailto:jcrockett59@aol.com)

## **Class Policies**

University Policy on Religious Holidays:

1. Students should notify faculty during the first week of the semester of their

- intention to be absent from class on their day(s) of religious observance;
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  3. Faculty who intend to observe a religious holiday should arrange at the beginning of the semester to reschedule missed classes or to make other provisions for their course-related activities
  4. For other university policies on teaching, see <http://www.gwu.edu/~academic/Teaching/main.htm>

## **Academic Integrity**

I personally support the GW Code of Academic Integrity. It states: " Academic dishonesty is defined as cheating of any kind, including misrepresenting one's own work, taking credit for the work of others without crediting them and without appropriate authorization, and the fabrication of information." For the remainder of the code, see : <http://gwu.edu/~ntegrity/code.html>

## **Support For Students Outside The Classroom**

### *Disability Support Services (DSS)*

Any student who may need an accommodation based on the potential impact of a disability should contact the Disability Support Services office at 202-994-8250 in the Marvin Center, Suite 242, to establish eligibility and to coordinate reasonable accommodations. For additional information please refer to: <http://gwired.gwu.edu/dss/>

### *University Counseling Center (UCC) 202-994-5300*

The University Counseling Center (UCC) Offers 24/7 assistance and referral to address students' personal, social, career, and study skills problems. Services for students include:

- crisis and emergency mental health consultations
- confidential assessment, counseling services (individual and small group), and referrals

<http://gwired.gwu.edu/counsel/CounselingServices/AcademicSupportServices>

## **Security**

In the case of an emergency, if at all possible, the class should shelter in place. If the building that the class is in affected, follow the evacuation procedures for the building. After the evacuation, seek shelter at a predetermined rendezvous location.

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Private instrumental study continuing the student's progress and advancement to 100 level work. Mus 118 will include more intensive study of all percussion instruments as well as drum set. Listening assignments, Ensemble participation and concert attendance combines to increase the student's knowledge and breadth of their instrument. All students must have entered 100 level study through their successful passing of their Performance Exam at the end of 3 semesters of zero level study.

**Course Objectives**

Mus 2050 further develops the students skills in the following categories:

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1. Musicianship

- Read odd meter, orchestral and rudimental styles
- Proficiency in treble and bass clef for tuned percussion instruments
- Versatility in all orchestral percussion instruments
- Versatility in show, jazz, funk and Latin drum set styles

2. Technique

- Execution of smooth concert roll for orchestral playing
- Tambourine and triangle orchestral hand technique
- Two and four mallet keyboard percussion styles
- Advanced four way coordination and independence between limbs on drum set

3. Ensemble Component: required participation in an ensemble where student will interact and develop musical relationships between other players and conductor

4. Repertoire: Intensive listening and playing in a wide variety of repertoire ranging

from marching, orchestral and numerous contemporary music styles on drum set

5. Research / Listening: a wide variety of listening assignments will be given via the Music Dept.'s CD / Video collection and online resources ( youtube,etc. )

6. Performance: all students are required to play in an ensemble. Working on your ensemble music will be included in you lesson time

### **Text**

Students will be expected to have the following method and solo books:

Snare Drum : Anthony Cirone Portraits in Rhythm  
Jacques Delecluse Douze Etudes ( Twelve Studies )  
Morris Goldenberg Modern School for Snare Drum  
John S. Pratt 14 Modern Contest Solos

Percussion Keyboard: Morris Goldenberg Modern School for Xylophone  
Thomas McMillan Masterpieces For Marimba  
Thomas McMillan Percussion Keyboard Technique  
Nancy Zeltsman Four Mallet Marimba Playing

Tympani: Saul Goodman Modern Method For Timpani

Drum set: Ted Reed Syncopation Vol. 1  
Jim Chapin Advanced Techniques for the Modern Drummer  
Rick Latham Advanced Funk Studies  
Steve Houghton Essential Styles Vol.1 & 2  
Joel Rothman Big Band Drum Charts  
Afro- Cuban Grooves For Bass and Drums

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Performance:

- Perform repertoire from different styles of music including but not limited to:  
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- Knowledge of foreign musical terms and how they apply to what you are playing
- Be able to explain the historical evolution of the style you are playing
- Display knowledge of proper music etiquette in different situations

## **Grading**

Students will be graded on preparation of material, attendance, attitude towards assignments and level of improvement during the semester.

- At 100 level, each semester ends with the performance exam.
- Lessons = 50 % of final grade
- Performance exam = 33 % of final grade, determined by a 3 person panel
- Ensemble = 17 % of final grade, given by ensemble director

Note: IN ACCORD WITH UNIVERSITY POLICY, THE FINAL EXAM WILL BE GIVEN DURING THE FINAL EXAM PERIOD AND NOT THE LAST WEEK OF SEMESTER.

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