

**JEFFERSON COLLEGE**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**MSA075**

**PREPARATORY PERCUSSION LESSONS**

1 Credit Hour

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## MSA075 Prep Percussion Lessons (Applied Music)

### I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION

- A. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor
- B. 1 semester hour credit
- C. Applied Percussion involves one thirty-minute private lesson and five practice hours per week on a chosen percussion instrument. Applied percussion lesson and practice time double when taking two semester hours credit. (F,S)

### II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Perform a cross-section of the music from various styles represented in the complete repertory of the particular performance medium.	Applied lessons, seminar performances.
Develop technical skills adequate to meet the needs of artistic self-expression.	Applied Lessons.
Demonstrate the ability to sight read music.	Applied Lessons.
Demonstrate a professional attitude toward performance a mature attitude toward applied instruction.	Applied Lessons.

### III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS

A cross-section of skills is developed simultaneously in applied lessons. Applied lessons are tailored to the needs of the individual student so some content areas may be ignored in one case and stressed exclusively in another. A "Course Outline" in the usual sense of the word does not apply to private applied lessons however the following constitute the areas necessary for the development of performance skills.

In each of the following units, with proficiency appropriate to the preparatory level, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

- A. Technical Development
  - 1. Execute rudiments properly
  - 2. Play rhythmically
- B. Musical Interpretation
  - 1. Perform following the appropriate expressive markings (dynamics, tempo, etc.)
  - 2. Perform the music in a stylistically appropriate manner
- C. Music Sight Reading Abilities - Read at sight pitches, rhythms, and expressive markings

- D. Musical Styles and Literature
  - 1. Perform literature of various style periods
  - 2. Discuss the musical characteristics of the music
  - 3. Discuss the life, style period and musical characteristics of the composers of pieces studied

#### IV. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- A. One private lesson per week
- B. Attendance at select concerts
- C. Attendance at music seminars

#### V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS (with publication information)

Etude and solo materials are assigned according to the student's applied instrument, playing level and repertoire

#### VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS (Student)

- A. Access to appropriate percussion instruments
- B. Assigned etude and solo materials
- C. Pencil
- D. Metronome

#### VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

- A. Library reference materials
- B. Books on individual percussion instruments and percussion playing are available in the Library
- C. Library recordings of outstanding performers

#### VIII. METHOD OF EVALUATION (Student)

Applied lesson grade assigned by instructor

IX. ADA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library; 636-797-3000, ext. 169).

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website, <http://vega.jeffco.edu/jkuchar/pdf/sh1011.pdf>).