

# Marching Percussion Ensemble

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Department of Music  
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Classroom	CA 3071	Class Days/Time	Schedule Attached

## I. Course Overview

### Course Description

This ensemble will allow students to experience the techniques and instruments unique to marching percussion including the marching snare drum, multiple tenor drums, bass drums, marching cymbals, and keyboards. The course will cover a wide range of percussive skillsets that will cater to the development of beginner students as well as experienced players. In addition, this ensemble will rehearse for and perform at select on campus and community events.

### Course Materials

Music and materials will be handed out regularly during class. It is expected that these materials are kept organized and brought to every class. If a new copy of any material must be printed, the student can find those materials in the following google drive folder.

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iaUfLp7QY0ZnceN62bj2Ps-zZBQivcXW?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1iaUfLp7QY0ZnceN62bj2Ps-zZBQivcXW?usp=share_link)

## II. Course Requirements, Grading, and Evaluation

### Requirements

Students are required to attend classes that apply to their specific instrument, section, and level of experience. The anticipated schedule is attached and will be confirmed no later than 24 hours before each class. Considering the wide range of individual experience between students, your mental commitment to excel will determine how fast and how far you will progress. You must have a commitment to focus on specific guidelines, evaluate your level of achievement, and make adjustments when necessary.

Participation in scheduled on-campus performances outside of our regular class time is not mandatory, but is highly expected. The director will put together a realistic plan with each member for how and when they will participate in performances.

## Grading Criteria

Value	Category	4=A (90-100)	3=B (80-90)	2=C (70-80)	1=D/F (0-70)
100%	Regular participation and strong personal development.	Student participated consistently and showed a very strong commitment to their individual growth on the instrument.	Student participated in regular rehearsal with a low desire to improve or develop.	Student rarely participated in regular rehearsals.	Student did not participate in the course.

## III. Course Schedule

The most updated schedule will be attached to this syllabus. As we move closer to each class, rehearsal, and performance, more specific details will be shared via email and posted in the 2023 Towson University Marching Percussion Current Members page. You can also find a digital copy of the schedule through this link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a6pm2IsRyW6ALjPjPNXGPZRNHkXJrHSn1i5vRFdjskI/edit?usp=share\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1a6pm2IsRyW6ALjPjPNXGPZRNHkXJrHSn1i5vRFdjskI/edit?usp=share_link)

## IV. Policies

### Attendance and Absence Policy

Students enrolled in the course are expected to be present for the class periods that apply to their section and individual level of experience. The instructor will communicate who is expected to be at each class no later than 24 hours beforehand. If circumstances prevent the student from attending, they must communicate these circumstances to the instructor in a clear and timely manner. In order to perform with the ensemble at scheduled events, you must attend the Tuesday night rehearsal before the performance, as well as the rehearsal the day of.

### Towson University Students with Disabilities Policy

This course is in compliance with Towson University's policies for students with disabilities. Accommodations can be made on exams and assignments for students with disabilities. Students with disabilities are encouraged to register with Disability Support Services (DSS), 7720 York Road, Suite 232, 410-704-2638 (Voice or TDD). Students who expect that they have a disability but do not have

documentation are encouraged to contact DSS for advice on how to obtain appropriate evaluation. A memo from DSS authorizing your accommodation is needed before any accommodation can be made.

## **Towson University Diversity Policy**

The students, faculty, and staff at Towson University represent a diverse and vibrant community of learners and scholars. As a community, we value the unique contributions of each individual and promote active participation in all aspects of the learning process by each community member. Your instructor supports Towson University's goal of fostering a diverse and inclusive educational setting. Your instructor strives to create a classroom environment built upon the principles of mutual respect and support. Toward this end, all members participating in this course are expected to demonstrate respect for all other members of the class. If you feel these expectations have not been met, please speak with your instructor or the designated diversity liaison, Dr. Cindy Zeller (czeller@towson.edu).

## **Towson University Title IX Policy**

Towson University (TU) is committed to ensuring a safe, productive learning environment on our campus that does not tolerate sexual misconduct, including harassment, stalking, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, or intimate partner violence [Policy 06.01.60]. It is important for you to know that there are resources available if you or someone you know needs assistance. You may speak to a member of university administration, faculty, or staff, but keep in mind that they have an obligation to report the incident to the Title IX Coordinator. It is a goal that you feel able to share information related to your life experiences in classroom discussions and in one-on-one meetings. However, it is required to share information with the Title IX Coordinator regarding disclosures, but know that the information will be kept private to the greatest extent possible. If you want to speak to someone who is permitted to keep your disclosure confidential, please seek assistance from the TU Counseling Center 410-704-2512 to schedule an appointment, and locally within the community at TurnAround, Inc., 443-279-0379 (24-hour hotline) or 410-377-8111 to schedule an appointment. You can also visit the following website for more resources:

[https://www.towson.edu/inclusionequity/titleix/?utm\\_source=redirect&utm\\_content=titleix](https://www.towson.edu/inclusionequity/titleix/?utm_source=redirect&utm_content=titleix)

## **Towson University Counseling Resources**

Students who are experiencing personal difficulties or mental health challenges are encouraged to seek free and confidential assistance at the Towson University Counseling Center (TUCC). Same-day appointments are available, and you can reach a crisis counselor by phone after hours. For more information about TUCC, please visit their website at <https://www.towson.edu/counseling/>. To make an appointment or for after-hours crisis assistance, please call 410-704-2512.