Drum Set Lessons Fall 2020
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Course Goals
*To give students the necessary tools needed in becoming a musical jazz drummer with emphasis on:
  - Technique and sound
  - Overall sense of groove in various styles
  - Jazz language and vocabulary
  - Overall musicianship
  - Professionalism

These goals will be achieved through the usage of audio/visual material, barrier material, and transcription assignments.

Grading
60% - Lessons (Attendance, departmental attendance, preparedness, attitude, etc.)
20% - Jury
10% - Departmental performance
10% - Transcription presentation

Attendance Policy:
1. Attendance is mandatory.
2. Students should give at least 24hrs notice if they cannot attend a lesson. Notify Prof. Davis by email if you cannot be at your lesson.
3. Missed lessons will not be made up unless we have spoken and alternate arrangements have been made.
4. Lessons missed by the instructor will be made up at a time convenient for both.
5. The student will be allowed one absence; after that, each absence lowers the final grade by a letter.
6. All applied students are required to attend percussion departmentals on Fridays at 1pm. Missing more than 3 will lower your final lesson by a letter grade. Missing 4 will lower your lesson grade by two letters.
7. You are required to attend all student recitals. If you cannot attend, you will need to email your reason before the recital.

Forms of Communication
1. Only a UNT email address will be used for email communications.
2. If the contact information is not submitted by the due day the student will be responsible for his/her attendance to any unscheduled activity: Instructor
absence notifications and make up lessons that could arise during the course of the semester.

**Weekly Assignments and Barrier Information**

Please follow the schedule on the UNT Percussion Manual regarding private applied percussion lessons. Lessons are divided into twelve (12) weekly assignments, to aid individuals in pacing themselves throughout the semester. **Independent of what is discussed during lessons, it is the responsibility of the student to stay on pace with the weekly barrier assignments throughout the semester.**

**Jury Transcription:**

1. The material for the transcriptions will be selected by **week 3** (the chosen material should reflect the musical goals of the semester). Title, drummer and source will be notified to the instructor at that time.

2. Revision and completion schedule:
   - **Week 5**: Present draft.
   - **Week 7**: 1\textsuperscript{st} revision
   - **Week 9**: 2\textsuperscript{nd} revision and playable (slow tempo).
   - **Week 11**: Turn in complete final transcription. At this time the transcription should be playable at tempo with recording.

3. **Staple** a new **transcription cover sheet** (attached) with each new transcription. The use of music notation programs like Finale or Sibelius is **REQUIRED**.

4. You will upload final PDF of your transcription to a Google cloud folder that you will receive an invite to join.

_for further information regarding private lesson requirements consult the UNT Percussion Manual._

**SPOT Evaluations:**

All classes and ensembles members are encouraged to evaluate this course and its instructor at the end of the semester. Your opinion and views as students are extremely valuable to us faculty members. It helps us improve and become more effective in our mission to efficiently assist in your growth and education.

https://spot.unt.edu/content/welcome-spot
Transcription Cover Sheet

1. Your name ______________________________

2. CD name ________________________________

3. Tune Title ________________________________

4. Composer ________________________________

5. Drummer name ________________________________

6. CD Track number ____________

7. Time where the musical excerpt begins
   ________________________________

**Must also include these items in the score:**

- Drum-set legend (only if necessary)
- Tempo
- Bar numbers
**updated 08/01/2020**

Course Syllabi Information

For complete information on course syllabi requirements, please see the university's policy. ([https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-049](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-049))

In addition to the information below, course syllabi should minimally include the following information:

- Course Title and Course Number
- Course Objectives
- Instructor Office Hours
- Attendance Expectations*
- Grading Criteria
- For Faculty, Teaching Fellows and Adjuncts:
  ✓ All undergraduate syllabi for lecture courses are required by law to be available to the public. At UNT, undergraduate syllabi for lecture courses should be uploaded into the Faculty Information System (formerly the Faculty Profile System).
  ✓ Use gender inclusive language in your syllabi
  ✓ UNT requires that all graduate course syllabi to be uploaded into FIS.
    ▪ To access the Faculty Information System, go to your my.unt home page. Under the Faculty Tab, click on Faculty Information System.

*On May 13, 2020 the UNT Faculty Senate approved the following attendance policy as it relates to the current COVID-19 pandemic:

Attendance Policy [faculty should adapt to suit their circumstances] [Professor’s regular attendance policy here].

COVID-19 impact on attendance
While attendance is expected as outlined above, it is important for all of us to be mindful of the health and safety of everyone in our community, especially given concerns about COVID-19. Please contact me if you are unable to attend class because you are ill, or unable to attend class due to a related issue regarding COVID-19. It is important that you communicate with me prior to being absent as to what may be preventing you from coming to class so I may make a decision about accommodating your request to be excused from class.
If you are experiencing cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, or any of the other possible symptoms of COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html) please seek medical attention from the Student Health and Wellness Center (940-565-2333 or askSHWC@unt.edu) or your health care provider. While attendance is an important part of succeeding in this class, your own health, and those of others in the community, is more important.

Approved Faculty Senate 5/13/20

Rather than including the text for the information below, it is also an option to include the links in course syllabi and review the information on the first day of class.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam [or specify alternative sanction, such as course failure]. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students (Office of Academic Integrity), who may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term “cheating” includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

See: Academic Integrity
LINK: https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/06.003.AcadIntegrity.Final_.pdf

STUDENT BEHAVIOR
Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students’ opportunity to learn is unacceptable and
disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.
See: Student Code of Conduct
Link: https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT
Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at my.unt.edu. All official communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect.
See: Eagle Connect
LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ODA STATEMENT
The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the Office of Disability Access.
See: ODA
LINK: disability.unt.edu. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

UNT Policy Statement on Diversity
UNT values diversity and individuality as part of advancing ideals of human worth, dignity and academic excellence. Diverse viewpoints enrich open discussion, foster the examination of values and exposure of biases, help educate people in rational conflict resolution and responsive leadership, and prepare us for the complexities of a pluralistic society. As such, UNT is committed to maintaining an open, welcoming atmosphere that attracts qualified students, staff, and faculty from all groups to
support their success. UNT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its application and admission process, educational programs and activities, employment policies and use of university facilities.
See: Diversity Statement

2020-2021 Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)
See: Fall Registration Guide
Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-registration-guide

Academic Calendar at a Glance, 2020-2021
See: Academic Calendar
Link: https://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2020-21/calendar

Final Exam Schedule
Note: See updates on the final exam schedule at Fall 2020 Instructional Guide
See: Final Exam Schedule
https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Undergraduates
A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total hours registered. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

Students holding music scholarships must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and 3.0 cumulative GPA in music courses.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended that you to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the
Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so.
See: Financial Aid
LINK: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

Graduates
A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Music scholarships require a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students cannot exceed maximum timeframes established based on the published length of the graduate program. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college, an advisor in UNT-International or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course.
See: Financial Aid
LINK: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS
Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the university’s policy in accordance with those mandates.
See: FERPA
Link: http://ferpa.unt.edu/

COUNSELING AND TESTING
UNT’s Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor whose position includes 16 hours per week of dedicated service to students in the
College of Music and the College of Visual Arts and Design. Please visit the Center's website for further information:
See: Counseling and Testing
Link: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services.

For more information on mental health issues, please visit:
See: Mental Health Issues
Link: https://speakout.unt.edu.

The counselor for music students is:
Myriam Reynolds
Chestnut Hall, Suite 311
(940) 565-2741
Myriam.reynolds@unt.edu

ADD/DROP POLICY
Please be reminded that dropping classes or failing to complete and pass registered hours may make you ineligible for financial aid. In addition, if you drop below half-time enrollment you may be required to begin paying back your student loans. After the 12th class day, students must first submit a completed “Request to Drop” form to the Registrar’s Office. The last day for a student to drop a class in Spring, 2020 is March 30th.
Information about add/drop may be found at:
See: Add Drop
Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/fall-add-drop

STUDENT RESOURCES
The University of North Texas has many resources available to students. For a complete list, go to:
See: Student Resources
Link: https://www.unt.edu/sites/default/files/resource_sheet.pdf