

Common Course Outline

MUSA 121

Applied Classical Percussion II

2 or 4 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Individual instruction in percussion instruments. Recommended for students who have had previous experience in music. An initial audition is required. A music fee of \$75.00 for a half-hour lesson per week (2 credits) or \$150.00 for a one-hour lesson per week (4 credits) must be paid in addition to tuition. Music majors are also required to attend a weekly repertoire class. Lesson times are arranged with individual instructors.

Prerequisite: MUSA 120 or written music program authorization.

Overall Course Objectives

1. To develop the student's understanding of and the ability to perform the technical fundamentals associated with playing percussion instruments.
2. To develop student's expressive potential and to teach the art of communication through music.
3. To study and perform percussion repertoire appropriate to each student's level of accomplishment.

Major Topics

1. Technical fundamentals of percussion playing: hand position, grip/stroke, articulation, etc.
2. Expressive nuances of percussion playing: phrasing, dynamic control, etc.
3. Encouragement to attend live performances featuring percussionists..
4. Listening assignments related to works being studied.
5. Effective preparation for weekly lessons, repertoire classes, and final juried performance.

Course Requirements

1. Regular attendance at weekly private lessons and repertoire classes.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of performance proficiency and musical growth by private instructor.
4. Final juried performance evaluation.

Other Course Information