



## Board/Authority Authorised Course Drumline – Level 1

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Course Name	Drumline – Level 1
Grade Level of Course	8-12
Number of Course Credits	4
Number of Hours of Instruction	110+ hours; could be structured as a semestered course or outside the timetable to accommodate classes; this latter option would require 2.5 hrs per week plus several performances
Prerequisite(s)	none
Special Training, Facilities or	<b>Training for instructor:</b> Instrumental Music, percussion background a



Equipment Required	benefit <b>Facilities required:</b> large room - sound-proof or acoustically appropriate <b>Equipment needed:</b> specific drumline ensemble instruments and hardware for a class of up to 30 students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 6-8 snare drums, 3-5 tenor quads, 5-8 bass drums, 4-6 pairs of marching cymbals</li> <li>– harnesses, hardware and cases for all equipment</li> </ul>
Course Synopsis	<b>Course Description:</b> Students will develop skills and techniques that are applied specifically to marching percussion instruments. These will include: performance skills; ensemble (teamwork) awareness; rehearsing, analysing and evaluation of music; composition; and improvisation

## Rationale

Drumline is a Fine Arts course that combines musical elements with body movement and precision team skills. It is designed to provide an opportunity for students to learn, create and analyze music of a variety of different world cultures, and to perform as a percussion ensemble.

This course is designed for students with or without previous musical experience. Starting with a person’s natural rhythmic sense, it will enable students to develop more sophisticated skills while increasing musical understanding and ensemble awareness.

As it is a performance-based course, full participation is expected for all classes and performances.

## Organizational Structure

Unit/Topic	Title	Time
Unit 1	Fundamentals of drumming: Technique, Sound Production	30 hours
Unit 2	Musicianship: the “artistic” part of drumming	15 hours
Unit 3	Ensemble Awareness	15 hours
Unit 4	Aural Awareness (Listening)	10 hours
Unit 5	World Music: drumming traditions in a variety of cultures	20 hours
Unit 6	Performance and Entertainment	10+ hours



Unit 7	Context: connecting with the world around us	10 hours
	Total Hours	110+

## Unit Descriptions / Aims and Objectives

### Unit 1: *Fundamentals of Drumming*

the fundamentals of drumming techniques, including proper care and maintenance of the equipment, posture, playing and body position, grip, basic rudiments, notation and rhythm reading

**Students should be able to:**

- demonstrate, analyze and create pulse, meter and rhythmic patterns in instrumental repertoire
- demonstrate an understanding of musical notation and reading fundamentals using appropriate music terminology
- demonstrate correct drumming fundamentals

### Unit 2: *Musicianship*

musical dynamics, phrasing, contrast, form, tonal and colour variations as pertaining to percussion instruments

**Students should be able to:**

- analyze and evaluate musical options for performance interpretation
- correctly demonstrate musical elements of drumming

### Unit 3: *Ensemble Awareness*

cooperation and collaboration essential to a musical ensemble; individual roles and responsibilities; dynamic matching, style matching, balance, blend

**Students should be able to:**

- articulate roles and responsibilities of musicians in an ensemble
- work cooperatively with other ensemble members toward a common performance goal
- demonstrate musical components of ensemble rehearsal and performance skills

### Unit 4: *Aural Awareness*

critical listening; analysis and critiquing of performances; peer and self evaluation

**Students should be able to:**

- develop “musically intelligent” ears – demonstrated through analysis of recorded and live performances
- offer appropriate constructive criticism for peer and self evaluation

### Unit 5: *World Music*

music from a variety of cultures – musical and technical similarities and differences; the significance of music to the cultures with which they are associated

**Students should be able to:**



- demonstrate an understanding of the musical and technical similarities and differences between music of various cultures
- analyze and articulate the significance of music to the cultures with which they are associated

### **Unit 6: *Performance and Entertainment***

performance standards and responsibilities; rehearsal techniques; elements of entertainment and marketing; performer and audience etiquette; career and other options beyond high school

#### **Students should be able to:**

- demonstrate skills and attitudes necessary to participate as a musician within society
- demonstrate an awareness of the contributions of others
- actively seek constructive criticism; respectfully provide constructive criticism
- demonstrate a willingness to share music with others
- assume leadership roles in a variety of contexts

### **Unit 7: *Context: music as expression; connecting with the world around us***

the language of music and its function as a tool of expression; music in the real world – historical, cultural, and social perspectives; the roles of music in society

#### **Students should be able to:**

- justify personal insights derived from performing and listening to instrumental music
- analyze how thoughts, images and feelings are expressed in instrumental music
- identify and describe historical, cultural, and social perspectives of music in a variety of cultures and throughout history
- compose a musical work for a percussion ensemble

## **Instructional Component**

**Methodology:** The various teaching and learning strategies used in this course will include:

- Group activity
- Written and verbal reflections
- Structured listening activities
- Direct and indirect instruction
- Creating and analyzing music
- Performing selected concert, solo and ensemble repertoire

## **Assessment**

### **Assessment Tools:**

- self and peer evaluations of individual and ensemble performances
- teacher evaluations of individual and ensemble performances
- written pretests and quizzes
- musical analysis of exemplar performances (live and recorded)
- composition activities



### **Course Grading:**

➤ Foundations: Notation and music theory	10%
➤ Foundations: Drumming fundamentals	15%
➤ Musicianship: Artistic Elements	15%
➤ Ensemble skills	15%
➤ Aural skills and awareness	10%
➤ World Music: Cultural	10%
➤ Performance/Entertainment elements	15%
➤ Musical Context: historical, cultural, social perspectives	10%

## **Learning Resource**

### **Possible Texts and Resources:**

- Field Level (Row - Loff Productions)
- Champion Technique for Marching Percussion (Row - Loff Prod.)
- Rudimental Logic 3.0 (Row - Loff Productions)
- Quad Logic: Revised Edition (Row - Loff Productions)
- Bass Logic: Revised Edition (Row - Loff Productions)
- Selected Solo and Ensemble Repertoire
- Selected listening repertoire
- Selected video recordings