

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY
2027 Honor Band & Choral Clinic
Audition Music for Percussion-Auditions due Oct. 29, 2026

Percussionists may perform one, two, or all three of these etudes (snare, mallets, timpani).

A student who only auditions on one or two of these etudes stands the same chance of being accepted as one who performs all three.

Snare Drum

The performer will first play the Double Ratamacue rudiment slow-to-fast-to-slow (open-close-open).

After the rudiment, the performer will play the following etude(s):

♩ = 100

Snare Drum etude notation. The piece is in 2/4 time. It begins with a double bar line, followed by a half rest, then a series of eighth notes with accents. The first measure is marked *mf*. The notation includes first and second endings. The second ending leads to a section marked *f-p cresc. poco a poco 2nd time*. This section features a series of eighth notes with accents, followed by a 3/16 time signature change, then a 2/4 time signature change, and finally a 3/4 time signature change. The piece concludes with a double bar line. There are also measures marked with '6' and '6'.

Timpani

(G-C)

♩ = 120

Timpani etude notation. The piece is in 3/4 time. It begins with a double bar line, followed by a series of eighth notes with accents. The first measure is marked *f*. The notation includes first and second endings. The second ending leads to a section marked *p*, followed by a series of eighth notes with accents, then a section marked *f*, then a section marked *mp*, and finally a section marked *f*. The piece concludes with a double bar line. There are also measures marked with '6' and '6'.

Mallets

The performer will first play a chromatic scale up and down the instrument at a comfortable tempo (but not too slow). After the scale, the performer will play the following etude:

1 ♩. = ca. 80

The musical score is written for mallets in 6/8 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of ♩. = ca. 80 and a dynamic of *mf*. The second staff starts with a dynamic of *p*, followed by a crescendo to *ff*. The third staff begins with a dynamic of *mf*. The fourth staff ends with a dynamic of *f*. The music includes various articulations such as accents and slurs, and features a chromatic scale at the beginning of the first staff.