

McLennan

C O M M U N I T Y

COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

ORCHESTRA

MUEN-1122-06

PETER OLSON

NOTE: This is a 16-week Blended/Hybrid course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

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Course Description:

Provides the opportunity for the study and performance of music in large and small ensembles. These courses are open to all students but are strongly recommended for all music majors and minors in their area of primary emphasis.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

None

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Peter Olson

MCC E-mail: polson@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: n/a

Office Location: n/a

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: By appointment

Other Instruction Information: Zoom link: <https://mclennan.zoom.us/my/polson>

Required Text & Materials:

You will need your own instrument and necessary supplies (rosin, reeds, cleaning supplies, etc.). Music will be provided.

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may

be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found [here](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf) (https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

*** [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)**
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Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Outside of lesson times, email will be the primary tool for communication in this course. You will be expected to check your MCC email regularly and respond promptly when necessary.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward the emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

The course will focus on preparing students to play in an orchestral setting. The first part of the course will focus on developing skills to prepare individually, and the second part of the course will involve rehearsals with the McLennan Community Orchestra.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Learn how to prepare for and participate in an orchestra rehearsal
Prepare music for performance in an ensemble setting
Become familiar with major composers, genres, and works in the symphonic repertoire

Course Outline or Schedule:

The orchestra will meet in conjunction with the new McLennan Community Orchestra. However, the community orchestra will not start meeting until October 8.

For the first part of the semester, we will be meeting online (via Zoom) to discuss music, prepare individual parts, and set practice expectations. These meetings will be weekly on Thursdays at 7:00–8:30pm. Some of these meetings may be held in-person (BPAC 145), but that will be determined later.

Beginning October 8 and continuing through November 19, we will rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00, location TBD. There will be a concert of some kind at the end of this period, but the date and details are still TBD.

Course Grading Information:

The grade will be based on participation and preparation. During the online half of the semester, there will be online assignments each week to prepare for our meetings. Once rehearsals start, you will be expected to be present at each rehearsal and adequately practice your music between rehearsals.

Participation in Zoom meetings: 50 points/week	300 points	30%
Weekly preparation assignments: 50 points/week	300 points	30%
Rehearsal participation and preparation: 50 points/week	300 points	30%
Final performance (participation):	100 points	10%
Total grade:	1000 points	100%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Students will be expected to attend all meetings (online or in-person) and rehearsals. If you cannot make a meeting or rehearsal, please let the instructor know ahead of time, and an appropriate make-up plan can be arranged. If you miss without informing the instructor, you will receive a 0 for your grade for that day.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to conduct themselves properly and respectfully during meetings and rehearsals.

*** [Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

*** [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](#)**

(<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>)

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

Accommodations/ADA Statement

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

*** [Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/titleix)

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*