



WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

MUSI 2389 06

Academic Cooperative:

Music Theory Teacher's Assistant

Gail G. Wade

NOTE: This is a 16-week course

NOTE: This is a 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.

Course Description:

This course serves to provide the student with a deeper understanding of music theory through teaching and observation. This course also prepares the student for possible assistantships and other professional activities.

Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites:

MUSI 1311/1116 (Music Theory/Sight-Singing and Ear training I)
Concurrent Enrollment in Advanced Theory (Music Theory/Sight-Singing and Ear training IV) or approval of the instructor.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

The student should schedule meetings with the professor to discuss lesson plans and ideas, and prepare for various responsibilities, depending on the academic context. The student should be prepared to observe and assist all scheduled classes, unless otherwise instructed.

Instructor Information:

Mrs. Gail Wade
Office BPAC 108
gwade@mclennan.edu

Required Text & Materials:

Theory I *Distilled*
Theory I *Distilled* Workbook

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) (<https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html>)

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:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with her/his students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

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:

Observe and Assist in Elementary Harmony/SS/ET, which may include keyboard.

Grade any papers deemed necessary, to reinforce knowledge.

Create lesson plans for execution upon request.

Provide insight from a student perspective.

Any other assistance required by the professor.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

The objectives of this course are:

- 1) reinforce already learned material and provide a deeper ability to explain it
- 2) give the student a chance to experience the role of a teaching assistant / instructor.

Course Outline, including KB*: (Subject to adjustment, of course!)

Will follow the schedule for MUSI 1311/1116

Course Outline or Schedule: (Subject to adjustment, of course!)

UNIT 1 – Weeks 1-4

Pitch on the staff
Whole and half steps
Major triads, Major scales and keys, Major Circle of 5ths
Major & Perfect Intervals
Simple Meter
TEST 1

UNIT 2 – Weeks 5-7

Writing Major triads in Four Voices
Authentic Cadences
Plagal Cadences
TEST 2

UNIT 3 – Weeks 8-12

Minor scales and keys
Relative and Parallel minor
Intervals
Minor, diminished and augmented triads
Dominant 7th chords
Partwriting in minor
Figured Bass
Compound Meter
TEST 3

UNIT 4 – Weeks 13-15

Inverted and descending intervals
Triads in Inversion
Writing 1st Inversion triads
Other clefs
The melodic line
TEST 4

Course Grading Information:

Grades will be derived from effort shown and commitment to:

- Attendance

- Weekly Preparation/timely grading of assignments
- Active assistance to students in class

Missed sessions and poor preparation will result in a lowered grade.

A = 95, all requirements met with excellence

B = 85, some trouble completing assignments or being sufficiently prepared

C = 75, requirements met with limited proficiency/improvement

D = 70, attendance requirement met, no effort or improvement noted

The deadlines will be provided upon the request by the instructor, regarding any and all assignments.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make-up Work Policies:

The MCC Attendance policy will serve as a foundation. Graded papers must be returned in a timely manner to provide feedback for the students prior to testing.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to maintain appropriate decorum in all collaborations, whether on or off campus. That includes respect for other students, colleagues, and supervisors.

Computer Policy

MCC Computer Use policy applies to the FA lab. Computer use during class is limited to class work only. Desktops and Screensavers are to remain as set by network services. All connections and settings are NOT to be changed.

* [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.

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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.*