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COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

APPLIED COMMERCIAL MUSIC – COMMERCIAL GUITAR

MUSP 1105 01

CLARK NAUERT

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.

APPLIED COMMERCIAL MUSIC-COMMERCIAL GUITAR
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Course Description:
Private instruction in electric guitar with goals related to commercial music. Demonstrate proficiency in commercial music repertoire and technique; develop a professional, disciplined approach to performance skills; and present a juried performance at semester's end.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:
none

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:
My plan for this semester is that students in this course will meet face to face with the instructor for lessons each week unless the college makes a change due to public health concerns.

Students will be assigned individual instructors at the start of each semester.

Students will keep a practice journal in which practice time, material practiced, questions and observations will be logged. The instructor will check the journal at two-week intervals.

A jury will be played at the semester's end for the string faculty. This will demonstrate the work done and progress achieved during the semester. Scales, arpeggios, chord studies and several songs will need to be prepared for this event. In the student's last semester, a public performance demonstrating skills acquired in a variety of musical styles will be presented. This is called the Capstone performance.

Students are required to practice <u>at least</u> one hour per day. Guitar majors should set aside time to practice 2 hours per day.

It is highly recommend that students purchase a metronome (or metronome app) and an electronic tuner (or tuner app). These items can be found at any music store or online from $20.00.

Instructor Information:
Clark Nauert
MCC E-mail: cnauert@mclennan.edu
Office Phone Number: 254.299.8258
Office Location: BPAC 101
Office/Teacher Conference Hours: TBA

Required Text & Materials:
TEXT: Text will be chosen by the instructor.

See your instructor before purchasing the text for this course.

As in any other course, your textbook is essential. You cannot pass this course without completing the material required in the textbook.

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).

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**)
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:
Check your school email at least once every day. I will at times send out notices regarding assignments, tests, supplemental materials for study and other important information by email.

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:
One on one demonstration-discussion-musical interaction, student performances / presentations.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:
To develop the skills necessary to work as a professional guitarist by learning the following (at the current skill level of the student):

1) play a variety of **accompaniment** styles.
2**) improvise** using **scales** and **arpeggio** patterns combined with knowledge of chord-scale relationships.
3) **read** chord charts and melody lines.
4) play a continually expanding repertoire of **songs**.

Course Outline or Schedule:
Weekly grades will be given based on the student's progress toward the goals assigned at each weekly lesson. Fourteen 50 minute lessons will be given during the course of the semester. There will be no lesson the first week of classes while student and instructor schedules are put in place. There will not be a lesson during the last week of the semester as it is exam week and the student will have played the equivalent of the guitar lesson exam the week before on jury day.

Programs from five live MCC music department performances will be turned in before the end of the semester. This will count as 10% of the final grade.

A jury will be played at the end of the semester. This will be a short presentation of no more than 10 minutes. The student will play material representative of the study done during the semester. This typically consists of the performance of one or more solo pieces and some technique studies such as scale or arpeggios. The jury performance will count as 14% of the final grade.

Course Grading Information:
GRADING: Attendance   - 41%
            Weekly Assignments   - 35%
            Performance Attendance   - 10%
            Jury   - 14%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:
Make-up lessons will be given at the discretion of the instructor and only if prior notice for the missed lesson has been given by the student. After four lessons are missed the student will be dropped from the course. For more on attendance, see the MCC attendance policy.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:
Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.
- Face coverings must be worn in class. Students refusing to wear a face covering will be

required to leave the classroom.

* 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.*