

McLennan

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COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ENSEMBLE

MUSP 1148 02

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.

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Course Description:

Participation in a small ensemble concentrating on improvisation of commercial music performance styles. Ensemble sections offered include: electric guitar, contemporary Christian, big band jazz and vocal jazz, among others. Semester Hour 1 (3 lab)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

Arrive on time with your instrument and accessories in good working order, vocalists with microphone, cable and clip. Keep a folder with song charts, lyrics and recordings of the tunes and most of all ...Practice outside of class so that you are confident with your parts. This will result in more effective and satisfying rehearsals. Learning parts in class (as opposed to the practice room or at home) is not rehearsal.

My plan for this semester is that all students in this class will meet face to face with the instructor on both Mondays and Wednesdays unless the college makes a change due to public health concerns.

Some class meetings/rehearsals may be conducted off campus at a local church during regular class time.

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:

None

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,

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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.

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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:

Lecture, lab, student performance/demonstration, concerts, recitals

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

The objective of this class is to expose the student to a variety of musical styles within the genre of Contemporary Christian Music, to demonstrate rehearsal and performance techniques and to provide performance opportunities when appropriate for the class.

Course Outline or Schedule:

The student will demonstrate proficiency in the following basic skills, knowledge and techniques related to functioning in a performing musical ensemble:

- Ability to read chord charts and standard musical notation
- Improvisation ability through knowledge and application of improvisation theory
- Proficiency in performing a variety of styles within the Contemporary Christian genre
- Ability to function effectively in a rhythm section
- Ability to capture an audience through good stage presence

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- Ability to effectively communicate in musical terms to fellow musicians during rehearsals and performances
 - Ability to teach fellow musicians new material using sound rehearsal techniques
 - Ability to organize the set-up of band equipment for rehearsals and performances

Course Grading Information:

The grade for the term will be determined as follows:

1. Class meetings: preparation, participation, punctuality.
2. Projects: music, charts, lyrics, recordings presented in a timely manner.
3. Professionalism: a positive attitude, communication skills, helpfulness to fellow students and faculty. Responsibility.
4. Participation in any on and off campus performances is mandatory

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

Attendance: In a rehearsal/performance class, being at every meeting is important to the group.

15% (5) of meetings missed will result in the lowering of your grade by one letter.

25% (7) will result in the grade of F or W.

Three times late to class will be figured as one absence.

It is possible to receive an excused absence for sickness, family emergency or some work related conflicts...IF you handle it responsibly by email cnauert@mclennan.edu or by phone 299-8258.

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>)

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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.

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** 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.*