McLennan
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

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# COURSE SYLLABUS

# AND

# INSTRUCTOR PLAN

## SMALL COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE - JAZZ

## MUSP 1150 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.

**SMALL COMMERCIAL ENSEMBLE-JAZZ**

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**Course Description:**
Participation in a small jazz ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**
None

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**
This course requires advanced skills in reading chord nomenclature and instrumental facility.

**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, 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 eveyr 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:**
Rehearsals and Student Performances. **My plan for this semester is that all students in this class will meet face to face with the instructor Monday through Thursday unless the college makes a change due to public health concerns.**

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

**A. Students will demonstrate the following skills to complete the** competencies for this course:

1. Ability to read chord charts and musical notation
2. Improvisational ability through knowledge and application of improvisation theory.
3. Proficiency in playing a variety of Jazz styles
4. Ability to function effectively in a rhythm section
5. Ability to transcribe/chart music rehearsals
6. Ability to capture an audience through good stage presence.
7. Ability to communicate in musical terms to other musicians during rehearsals.
8. To demonstrate a professional and courteous attitude at all rehearsals and performances.
9. Ability to teach a new song to fellow members, using sound rehearsal techniques.
10. Ability to organize the set-up of the band equipment for a performance.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**
This class meets at 11:10am on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will also be a minimum of 2 performances each semester. Students are required to take part in these performances in order to pass the class

**Course Grading Information:**
Students will be evaluated on the competencies during rehearsals and performances during the course of the term. Each of the competencies is worth 10 pts. For a total of 100 pts.

**Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

Students missing more than 10% of class meetings may be dropped by the instructor.
The students are expected to be on time, set up, tuned, and ready to rehearse for every rehearsal and performance.

**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.*