

# McLennan C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

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## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**AND**

## **INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

### **INTRODUCTORY GROUP PIANO I**

**MUSP – 1113 - 01**

**WILLIAM HOWARD**

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

#### **COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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### **Course Description:**

Introduces keyboard skills for commercial music majors including common scales and chord progressions as well as several twelve-bar blues variations with appropriate keyboard voicing.

### **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Prerequisite: None

### **Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

To access updated information on textbooks, please visit <http://www.bkstr.com>.

### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: William Howard

MCC E-mail: [whoward@mclennan.edu](mailto:whoward@mclennan.edu)

Office Phone Number: 254.299.8217

Office Location: PAC 113

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: TBA

### **Required Text & Materials:**

Headphones or ear buds, MIC Theory and Sight-Singing Workbooks

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

### **Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

Lecture, group projects, assignments

### **Required Competencies**

- 1.) Major scales, RH only.
- 2.) Major pentatonic and blues scales, selected keys, RH only.
- 3.) Open 5ths, RH and LH.
- 4.) Major key diatonic triads.
- 5.) Major key diatonic triads in inversions.
- 6.) Improv #1 - Basic blues progressions, RH uses major pentatonic and/or blues scales.
- 7.) Minor scales, RH only.
- 8.) Minor pentatonic and blues scales, selected keys, RH only.
- 9.) Minor key diatonic chords.
- 10.) Minor key diatonic triads in inversion.
- 11.) Improv #2 - Minor key progression, RH uses minor pentatonic and/or blues scales.

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12.) Basic chord charts, including RH inversions, voice leading, and LH octaves or open 5ths.

### **Course Outline**

8/22 - ID note names / Major key scales  
8/29 – Continued / Major pentatonic and blues scales  
9/7 - Continued  
9/12 - Open 5ths / Review  
9/19 - Major key diatonic triads  
9/26 - Major key diatonic triads in inversion  
10/3 - Improv #1 - Basic blues progression  
10/10 - Minor key scales  
10/17 - Minor pentatonic and blues scales  
10/24 - Minor key diatonic triads  
10/31 - Minor key diatonic triads in inversion  
11/7 - Improv #2 - Minor key progression  
11/14 - Basic chord charts  
11/21 – Continued  
11/28 - Continued / Review

### **Final Exam - when scheduled**

### **Course Grading Information:**

The final grade for this course will be determined by the number of competencies successfully completed by each student; the minimum passing grade for each competency is 70%. The grading scale is as follows:

13 competencies - A  
12-11 competencies - B  
10-9 competencies - C  
8 competencies - D (will **not** be accepted as a prerequisite for future classes)  
7 competencies or less - F

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

None

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### **Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

1.) Cell Phones - please turn off your cell phone before coming to class. If you are expecting an emergency call during class please advise your instructor. Earbuds should not be worn during class (we are studying music, right?) and text messaging is not allowed at any time. **If you send or receive a text message during a test you will automatically fail that test.**

2.) Food and Drinks - there are areas on campus as well as in the PAC for eating and relaxing. **Please do not bring food to class.** If you are unable to survive more than an hour without food you may wish to reconsider your choice of majors and switch to the food service industry. **No drinks are allowed in the MIDI lab, the class piano lab, the recording studio, or any other areas that contain electrical equipment** - this assures your safety while protecting the investment that MCC has made in technology for your benefit.

### **[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 additional guidelines specific to this course.



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## ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

### **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. For additional information, please visit [www.mclennan.edu/disability](http://www.mclennan.edu/disability).

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

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu)

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

### **Title IX:**

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](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at [www.mclennan.edu/titleix/](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/). It 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.

**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 or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry 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 at [https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency\\_Grant\\_Application.pdf](https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to [www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity) for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**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 notified via 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.

**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. For more information about your student email account, go to [www.mclennan.edu/student-email](http://www.mclennan.edu/student-email).

**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 their 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. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email [Helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-an-outlook-account-in-the-ios-mail-app-b2de2161-cc1d-49ef-9ef9-81acd1c8e234?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)
- [Email Setup for Androids](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/set-up-email-in-android-email-app-71147974-7aca-491b-978a-ab15e360434c?ui=en-us&rs=en-us&ad=us>)

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward 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 be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

**Disclaimer:**

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.