

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS & INSTRUCTOR PLAN

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

Interpersonal Communication SPCH 1318.002

Professor Leslie A. Henderson

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:

Application of communication theory to interpersonal relationship development, maintenance, and termination in relationship contexts including friendships, romantic partners, families, and relationships with co-workers and supervisors.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

There are no official course prerequisites at this time. However, you will need college level writing skills for completing assignments, college level reading skills for reading a college text and responding to tests and discussion questions. The student will apply critical thinking skills including comparison and contrast, analysis, and synthesis.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

All students will need to check their MCC email, Brightspace announcements, and Brightspace assignments <u>daily</u>. All communication between student and instructor will use the MCC email system. No outside emails are accepted. Each student will need to have a USB drive (or equivalent) that must be used to save all class work submitted.

Instructor Information:

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Online or by appointment

Required Text & Materials -Your textbook is an eBook that you have already paid for with your course tuition.

Title: Interplay: The Process of Interpersonal Communication

Author: Ronald B. Adler, Lawrence B. Rosenfeld, & Russell F. Proctor II

Edition: 15th edition

Publisher: Oxford University Press

• Paperback - 9780197501344

• Loose-Leaf - 9780197501368

• Digital eBook- 9780197501351



MCC Bookstore Website - http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/

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Sending your instructor emails:

How you email me your questions is very important. I welcome your emails and questions - I really, really do not mind! I would rather you ask than guess at something and have that effect your grade. Following these simple rules will help me respond to you more quickly and effectively. It is a win-win situation!

- 1. Always send emails through your MCC student email account. MCC has a strong filter that often throws outside emails to the junk folder. MCC student emails do, however get in. (If you do not know how to use your student email address, just ask).
- 2. In the subject heading always put your class and your section number and your full name. For example, if you were in section 00 you would put SPCH_1318_187_John Doe in the subject heading. This is necessary to be able to respond to you in a timely manner.
- 3. If I do not acknowledge your email within 24 hours then resend it. I do not respond to emails sent after 8:00pm until the next day.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

This course will have classroom activities and lectures supplemented with chapter readings from the text, online readings, and/or videos. It will also have chapter quizzes and exams, discussion boards, homework assignments, a research paper, and an oral report over that research paper.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Courses in this category focus on developing ideas and expressing them clearly, considering the effect of the message, fostering understanding, and building the skills needed to communicate persuasively. Courses involve the command of oral, aural, written, and visual literacy skills that enable people to exchange messages appropriate to the subject, occasion, and audience.

- Critical Thinking (CT) -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.
- Communications Skill (COM) -- to include effective development, interpretation, and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication.
- **Teamwork (TW)** -- to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
- **Personal Responsibility (PR)** -- to include the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.

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Student Technology Requirements:

This course is heavily supplemented with online technology. Studens should have knowledge of using a web browser, computer, a MCC student email account, the ability to create, copy, and save documents, the ability to send and receive electronic documents (attachments), and the basic use of Internet and search skills. The course uses the Brightspace Learning platform and the student is required to become proficient in these skills through the course orientation. The student should also have a general understanding of online technologies and appropriate online behavior.

Hardware requirements:

- 1. You need an Internet connection (at least 56k, but High Speed connection is recommended).
- 2. Brightspace recommends using a monitor that supports resolution of 1024x768 or higher.
- 3. Students are to maintain regular & reliable access to a computer with a stable broadband Internet connection. If your computer is older than 4 years old, it may not have the processing power to work with Brightspace or current versions of the required software.

Software requirements:

- 1. You need a web browser to access Brightspace. We recommend an up-to-date version of Mozilla Firefox. I strongly recommend Brightspace students use the latest version of Mozilla Firefox for Windows and Mac.
- 2. The word processing software of MS Office is required. If you do not own a copy of MS Word, as a matriculated MCC student you can use Office 365 free, which will give you the most used tools.
 - a. To view a video tutorial for signing up for and installing Office 365 Click here.
 - b. To sign up and get started now Click here.
 - c. Please do not hesitate to contact the MCC Help Desk by calling <u>254-299-8077</u> or emailing <u>helpdesk@mclennan.edu</u> if you require further assistance.
- 3. Many Brightspace functions require Java Run Time Environment. Java technology allows you to work and play in a secure computing environment. Upgrading to the latest Java version improves the security of your system, as older versions do not include the latest security updates. Download Java using the link found at Free Java Download at http://java.com/en/download/.
- 4. Here are some additional helpful links for the new Brightspace Learning Platform:
 - a. D2L System Check <u>D2L System Check at https://community.desire2learn.com/d2l/systemCheck</u>
 - b. Browser Support for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices <u>Browswer support at https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browsersupport.htm</u>
 - **c.** Brightspace Technical Assistance at MCC MCC Technical Assistance at http://www.mclennan.edu/brightspace-students/

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5. Chromebook Users Beware

- Most every worksheet or written assignment to be down loaded is in an rtf format (Rich Text File).
- You will need to download/save the RTF file, rather than just double click to open it. You should then be able to open it (using a TXT app) or can open it using Google Drive.
- If you are using Google Drive then you will need to go to File, Download as Microsoft Word (.docx) or Rich Text File (.rtf).
- Do not submit it in Google Docs.

6. Instructions for MacBook Pro

- a. After completing assignment click the blue share button at the top right corner of the screen.
- b. A popup screen will appear and then click the copy link at the bottom left hand corner of the popup.
- c. Another popup will appear and from there just click the blue copy button. From there you can just copy and paste it into Brightspace and click submit.
- d. Click here for the PDF of instructions.

Other Technology Requirements:

- 1. Microsoft Office 365 or 2013
- 2. Adobe Reader DC
- 3. Mozilla Firefox browser

4. Respondus Lockdown Browser

- a. To download the software, which is specific to MCC, click this download link.
- b. If you are using a **Chromebook** and have issues with Respondus Lockdown Browser then you may need to clear all cache and data, and go into the settings and allow pop ups.
- c. If you are using an **iPad** to take the quizzes and examples; you will need to download that app from **iTunes**. Click here to read instructions on how to do this.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Tentative Weekly Agenda for FA 2022

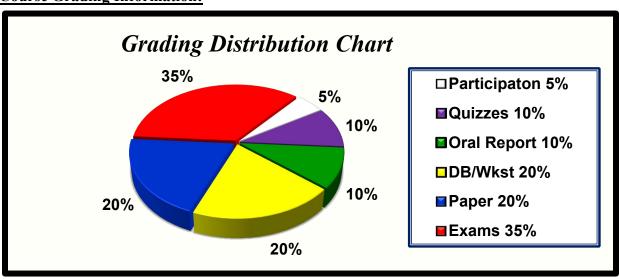
Week	Materials Covered
Week 1	Orientation Materials
Week 2	Chapter 1: Interpersonal Process & Chapter 2: Mediated Communication
Week 3	Chapter 3: Culture and Interpersonal Communication <i>Unit #1 Exam</i>
Week 4	Chapter 4: Interpersonal Communication & the Self
Week 5	Chapter 5: Perceiving Others
Week 6	Chapter 5: Perceiving Others & <i>Unit Exam #2</i>
Week 7	Chapter 6: Language & Chapter 7: Nonverbal Communication

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Week 8	Chapter 7: Nonverbal Communication
Week 9	Chapter 8: Listening: Receiving & Responding & <i>Unit Exam #3</i>
Week 10	Chapter 9: Emotions
Week 11	Discuss Research Paper & Oral Report & Library Instruction
Week 12	Chapter 10: Dynamics of Relationships
Week 13	Chapter 11: Relational Communication: Friends, Family, & Romantic Partners
Week 14	Research Paper Due & Chapter 12: Managing Conflict
Week 15	Unit Exam #4 & Oral Reports
Week 16	Oral Reports

I reserve the right to change the schedule at any time.

Course Grading Information:



Participation: 5% of Grade

- Your participation grade will include course attendance, especially on days where there is inclass activities.
- To receive full credit, you must have 3 or less class absences and be present for in-class activities.
- Attendance on the Library Instruction date is mandatory for full credit.

Chapter Quizzes: 10% of Grade

- Chapter quizzes are due at the end of every chapter. These quizzes will use Respondus Lockdown Browser and serve as a preview/pretest to the unit exams.
- Students will take each quiz prior to the class discussion on that chapter
- Each quiz has 20 questions each. The answers to all quizzes will not be available until after the deadline for quiz and requires the use of Respondus Lockdown Browser.

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Oral Report: 10% of Grade

- You will give a 5 minute oral report over your research paper. Basically, you will share with the class what you have learned on your topic.
- The oral report will include visual aids and/or handouts.
- You willk be graded on a rubric to be provided later.

Research Paper: 20% of Grade

- The student will be responsible for researching and writing a 5-page research paper on a mass media related topic.
- These papers should follow the MLA format for a research paper. You can see the format on the MCC library homepage at MCC Library at http://www.mclennan.edu/library.on the MCC library.
- See Appendix A for the Research Paper Grading Rubric.

Discussion Boards and/or Worksheets: 20% of Grade

- <u>Discussion Board</u> participation is worth a maximum of 100 points. You are responsible for an original thread posting and at least two replies to other student's posts
 - Your original post is always due before the two replies.
 - O Your original post must be a minimum of at least 300 words.
 - o See Appendix A for Discussion Board Grading Rubric.
- Worksheet or Homework provide the student a more hands on approach to the topics.
 - o All documents must be submitted as a Rich Text Format or a Microsoft Word.
 - Worksheets must be formatted correctly (according to the worksheet format video) to be accepted.
 - o See Appendix A for the Worksheet Grading Rubric.

Exams: 35% of Grade

- There are four-unit exams. You will have one opportunity to take each of the four exams.
- You will use the Respondus Lockdown Browser and Respondus Monitor for the orientation quiz and all unit exams. You need a camera on your in order to do this.
- Each unit exam will have 50 questions (multiple-choice and true/false). You will have 2 hours to complete the exam.
 - o I will reset for technical reasons one time only during the semester.
 - o No make-up exams without a documented excuse.

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Using Respondus LockDown Browser:

- We have access to a software product, Respondus LockDown Browser, which is software designed to help with security and reliability of tests in Brightspace courses. You will use Respondus LockDown Browser for every quiz and unit exam
- By using LockDown Browser, you will not be able to:

Print
 Access other programs
 Use Instant Message programs
 Capture screen content
 Accidentally exit the test
 Use search engines

- To download the software, which is specific to MCC, click this <u>download link</u>.
 - Ensure that you have installed the browser. It is also always located in the Orientation. To access it Brightspace click on Table of Contents (in your Brightspace). Then select Course Orientation Begin Here > Respondus LockDown Browser.
 - O You only need to do this ONCE. If you are using an iOS device, download LockDown Browser then log into Brightspace, then Navigate to the test and begin.
 - o If you are using an **iPad** to take the quizzes and examples, you will need to download that app from **iTunes**. Click here to read instructions on how to do this.
 - To watch an introductory video on Respondus LockDown Browser please click the following link https://youtu.be/XuX8WoeAycs
 - o If you can't get the video to play, you might want to update your plugins at: https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/plugincheck/?utm_source=firefox-browser&utm medium=firefox-browser&utm campaign=plugincheck-update

The Percentage Breakdown of the Final Grade is as follows:

- Participation (5%)
- Quizzes (10%)
- Oral Report (10%)
- Paper (20%)
- DB/Worksheets (20%)
- Unit Exams (35%)

Grading Scale: A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59-0

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

- <u>Late work is generally NOT accepted.</u> All work is due by midnight on the date listed for each assignment. *Only in the case of exceptional circumstances and with proper verifiable documentation for an emergency will late work be considered.*
 - o If you know you will have a conflict meeting a deadline, it is always better to complete it <u>early</u> or discuss this with me ahead of time.
 - O Students will be permitted to make up class work and assignments missed due to absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family or (4) 2 of 5 McLennan Community College observance of a religious holy day.
- Please read the <u>College Attendance Policy</u>.
 - Failure to complete six consecutive assignments is evidence that you do not intend to complete this course and will result a drop from the course.
- I do not drop students after the last day for student-initiated drops (Tuesday, October 25, 2022 without a compelling reason. A failing grade in the course is NOT a compelling reason.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

- Students are to engage in appropriate online behavior according to Online Rules of Netiquette.pdf.
- Students are responsible for all due dates. When in question, work ahead in the course.
 - o I believe in protecting students grades who turn their work in on time and have already sacrificed time with family/friends/work to reach their due dates.
 - Forgetting that an assignment is due is not a documented excuse. Print your calendar and place it where you can see it daily.
 - o I am a stickler about this!
- Students are responsible not only for their work and due dates, but for their technology as well. In taking an online class, it is your responsibility to have all of the hardware and software listed above. Always have a backup plan.
- Students will communicate in a polite and respectful manner with both the instructor and classmates at all times.

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 additional guidelines specific to this course.

Appendix A: Grading Rubrics

Discussion Board Grading Rubric

Criteria: DB Rubric	Level 4 (20 points)	Level 3 (15 points)	Level 2 (10 points)	Level 1 (5 points)	Level 0 (0 points)
Quality of Answers	Answers all of the questions with original thought & analysis & applies their answer to previous course materials.	Answers most questions with thought & analysis & applies their answer to previous course materials.	Answers some of the questions adequately & does not apply to previous course materials.	Answers some, but not all of the questions, with no application to previous course materials.	Does not answer any of the questions.
Supportive Evidence	Uses original examples to support their points and cites outside sources.	Uses examples to support their point and cites outside sources.	Some examples used to support their answers, but lacked outside source citation.	Lacks support of all questions with no examples or cited sources.	Clearly plagiarizes classmates or online sources.
Timeliness of Original Post	Original post was made by the specified due date.	Original post was made one day late of specified due date.	Original post was made two days late of specified due date.	Original post was made three days late of specified due date.	No original post.
Quality of Responses to Classmate's posts	Very detailed feedback that directly addresses their classmate's posts.	Some feedback that addresses their classmate's posts.	Little feedback & uncreative responses such as "I agree with" statement."	Responds to one classmate's post only.	Does not respond to any classmate's posts.
Word Count & Mechanics	Word Count was 300 or above and free of all spelling & grammar errors.	Word count was between 300- 250 and/or free of most spelling & grammar errors.	Word count was between 250-200 and has spelling & grammar errors.	Word count was below 200-150, and has spelling & grammar errors.	Word count is way below 150 and has spelling & grammar errors

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Worksheet Grading Rubric

Criteria: DB Rubric	Level 4 (20 points)	Level 3 (15 points)	Level 2 10 points)	Level 1 (5 points)	Level 0 (0 points)
Format & Appearance	All 4 formatting requirements are met.	3 of the 4 requirements are met.	2 of the 4 requirements are met.	1 of the 4 requirements are met.	None of the requirements were met.
Knowledge of Topic	Shows in depth understanding of the material.	Shows a good understanding of the material.	Shows a fair understanding of the material.	Shows little understanding of the material.	Shows no understanding of the material.
Answers to Questions	Answers all questions with detailed answers.	Answers most questions with detailed answers.	Some answers lack detail.	Not all questions were answered.	Most questions were not detailed nor answered correctly.
Supportive Evidence	Supports all answers with examples and relates it to the course materials.	Supports most answers with examples and relates some of it to the course materials.	Supports all answers with examples but does not relate it to the course materials.	Lacks supports for most answers.	Does not support answers with evidence.
Writing Mechanics	No spelling or grammar mistakes are evident	At least 5 spelling or grammar mistakes are evident.	At least 5-10 spelling or grammar mistakes are evident.	Has numerous spelling and grammar errors.	Too many mistakes are evident.

Format & Appearance Requirements

- Correct Heading (name and title)
- Name & Section #
- Spaces between Question & Answers
- Margins Aligned/ Professional Appearance

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Research Paper Grading Rubric

Grading	Level 4	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1	Level 0
Criteria	20 points	15 points	10 points	5 points	0 points
Organization	Excellent intro. and conclusion of main points and smooth transitions	Most of intro and conclusion components were present and smooth transitions	Some of intro - conclusion components were present & transitions were present	Missing many introduction, conclusion and/or transitional components	Poor introduction, conclusion, and transitions
Knowledge/	Adds current and	Adds some	Offers little	Very little new	No new
Content	new information	information	information	information	information on
	beyond the text and	beyond the text	beyond the text	beyond the text	the topic and/or
	stays on topic	and stays on topic	and goes off topic	and rarely stays on topic	stays off topic
Meets	Paper is 5 full	Paper is short of	Paper is very	Paper is very	No requirements
Assignment	pages, has title	the 5 full pages,	short of the 5	short, topics	were met.
Requirements	page, topic and	title page, but	pages, topic and	and/or sources	
	sources were	topic and sources	or sources were	were not	
	approved.	were approved	not approved on	approved	
			time		
Sources & APA	Clear APA source	Mostly cites	Very few in-text	Very few in-text	No in-text
format	in-text citations (5)	source in-text	citations in	citations in	citations were
	and Reference page	correctly (4) and	correct APA	correct APA and	used and used a
	that follows the	Reference page	format (some) and	uses a Works	Works Cited page
	correct APA	that mostly	several mistakes	Cited page.	instead of a
	format.	follows the	on Reference		Reference page.
		correct format.	page		
Writing	Excellent writing	Good writing	Writing style	Unclear writing	Poor writing style,
Mechanics	style with little if	style with few	needs work and	style, numerous	excessive
	any spelling,	spelling,	has some spelling,	spelling, grammar	spelling, grammar
	grammar, or	grammar, or	grammar, or	or paragraph	or paragraph
	paragraph	paragraph	paragraph	development	development
	development	development	development	mistakes	mistakes
	mistakes	mistakes	mistakes		



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.

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

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 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/. 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. 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/Emergencygrant Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to <u>www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity</u> 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.

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 for help.

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

- <u>Email Setup for iPhones and iPads</u> (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)

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.

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.