



WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ENSEMBLE
MUSP 1148 002**

CLARK NAUERT

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

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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:

The level of the student's preparedness for each rehearsal/class by means of consistent practice and preparation outside of class will have a significant bearing on the student's grade.

Regular Attendance is mandatory in order for the student to pass the class.

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 etc.

Practice outside of class is required so that you become more and more confident with your assigned parts. This will result in more effective and satisfying rehearsals.

Having to relearn parts from one class to the next (and to the next) will be an indication that you are not practicing (the same as not doing your homework) and will affect your grade negatively.

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:

No text required. As it pertains to your instrument - bring instrument cables, drum sticks, mic, **and a pencil to make notes, charts, edits to charts etc.**

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

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 Attendance/Participation Guidelines:

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Before the 60% point of the semester, a student who is absent for 25% or more of a face-to-face or blended course or who misses 25% or more of assigned work for an online course will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. A student may also request to be withdrawn with a grade of W before the 60% point of the semester. After the 60% point of the semester, the student may request to be withdrawn if the student is passing, or be assigned the final grade earned at the end of the semester after grades have been updated to reflect missing work.

Attendance Policy for CCM

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.

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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
- 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
5. Also see the expectations listed under **Course Notes** on **page 2** of this syllabus.

Late Work and Make Up Work Policies:

Students missing 25% of class meetings may be dropped by the instructor.

If you miss a class meeting you are still responsible for music covered or introduced during that class.

Contact the instructor to get any music you may have missed.

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.

[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.

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

disabilities@mclennan.edu 2542998122 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 acting Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center 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/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email (ast@mclennan.edu) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>).

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 either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing crew@mclennan.edu or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg. Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's 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.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

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

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teachingandlearning/FacultyandStaffCommons/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/studentemail.

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:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

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.