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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**INSTRUMENTAL CONDUCTING  
MUAP 2201\_02**

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

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## **Course Description:**

An immersion into the development of skills and knowledge associated with instrumental conducting, rehearsal techniques, and instrumental repertoire.

## **Prerequisite:**

A sophomore standing in the music curriculum.

## **Instructor:**

Instructor Name: Prof. Jon Conrad

MCC E-mail: jconrad@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: 254-299-8220

Office Location: BPAC 103

Office Hours: By Appointment

Meeting Day/Time: TBA

Location: TBA

## **Required Text & Materials:**

1. *The Art of Conducting* – Donald Hunsberger & Roy E. Ernst, McGraw-Hill, 2nd Edition, 1992. (ISBN 0-07-031321-1)
2. Baton (available from the Band Department)
3. Primary Instrument for class participation in Lab Ensemble
4. McLennan Community College “Brightspace”: Conducting videos and other class materials will be posted there
5. Music Score - chosen with the instructors' approval - for final project.
6. Additional Readings/Musical Material handed out by instructors.
7. Access to notation software (Finale or Sibelius)

## **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/>

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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).

## **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](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements)  
([www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements))

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.

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

Student outcome goals:

1. Development of beat pattern concepts and applications
2. Development of artistic expression of all beat pattern concepts and applications
3. Development of fermatas, releases, entrances, and cues with the left hand, and within the beat pattern
4. Development of basic left hand gestures
5. Development of basic score reading techniques, including transpositions
6. Fluency of Foreign Language musical terminology as it relates to score reading
7. Development of Directed Listening hierarchy and the ability to apply this knowledge

Enabling Activities:

1. Basic pattern and conducting exercises
2. Right and Left Hand motor-skill exercises
3. Lab experience with ensemble comprised MUEN 1121.04 students (TBA)

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4. Score study and listening assignments
5. Classroom discussion on music
6. Field Experience
7. Dalcroze and Laban Movement
8. Video recording of classroom conducting exercises with written self-reflections

### **Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

1. To provide the student with the basic skills needed to properly conduct an ensemble
2. To familiarize the student with elements of the basic repertoire, ensemble instrumentations, historical considerations, and the like.
3. To formulate an approach to rehearsing a musical ensemble.

### **Course Grading Information:**

#### **Evaluation:**

- 30% Daily & Class assignments (Conducting, Preparation, Self-reflection, & other assignments)
- 30% Tests/Quizzes (Conducting and written)
- 20% Field Experience (10 completed Observations)
- 20% Final Exam (Conducting and written)

#### **Letter Grade Criteria:**

- A = 90-100% Exemplary preparation and performance
- B = 80-89% Good, or not exemplary in either preparation and/or performance
- C = 70-79% Average. Demonstrates a lack of clarity, or a lack of attention to score study
- D = 60-69% Unprepared – bordering on unprofessional
- F = 0-59% Failing – unprofessional work

#### **ESU Grading Criteria**

- E = Excellent Work that exceeds the criteria for the assignment
- S = Satisfactory Work that meets 85% of the criteria
- U = Unsatisfactory Work that does not satisfy the criteria

### **Assignments:**

Are due on or before the date stated by the instructor. Assignments are due **no later** than the beginning of the class period. Assignments turned in after the due date will not be considered for grading.

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

**Attendance and participation is mandatory. Each Unexcused absence (or 3 cumulated tardiness) will lower your final grade by one letter.** This class is designed to prepare you for your professional career. Perfect attendance and a professional attitude are necessary for full class understanding. If in the eventuality you are sick, or have a College approved absence, you must contact Prof. Conrad prior to class via email. A doctor's note is necessary to resolve absences due to illness. If you are sick on a day that you are scheduled to teach or conduct, you must also make arrangements with a classmate to switch days so that no class time is wasted.

### **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 Academic Integrity Statement](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)**  
([www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://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](http://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies)**  
([www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies](http://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies))

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](http://mclennan.edu/disability).

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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

\* **[Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)**

([www.mclennan.edu/titleix](http://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](mailto: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.

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.*