McLennan
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN

WACO COMMUNITY BAND

MUEN 1130-50

PROFESSOR JON R. CORAD

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

Course Description:
Concert band, marching band, campus band, laboratory band (jazz/stage), symphony or orchestral group. Provides the opportunity for the study and performance of music in large and small ensembles. These courses are open to all students but are strongly recommended for all music majors and minors in their area of primary emphasis. Semester Hour 1 (3 lec/3 lab)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:
Participation by audition or consent of the instructor.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:
Students who did not complete participation in high school band may not have the necessary skills for participation. For these students, the MCC Concert Band is encouraged.

Instructor Information:
Instructor Name: Professor Jon R. Conrad, Music Director, Conductor
MCC Email: jconrad@mclennan.edu
Office Phone Number: 254.299.8220
Office Location: BPAC 103
Office/Conference Hours: By Appointment

Required Text & Materials:
• SOLID BLACK, formal attire (see Concert Dress Section)
• Appropriate and functioning instrument
• A tuner (Tonal Energy App)
• A metronome (Tonal Energy App)
• All WCB issued music contained within your folder

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).

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** (**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:

The Waco Community Band is a major ensemble that performs significant repertoire for wind and percussion instruments. The ensemble is comprised of talented musicians from the greater Waco area who have demonstrated an outstanding level of musicianship through an audition procedure. The Waco Community Band performs six concerts each season featuring new works as well as core repertoire for Winds and Percussion.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

PREPARATION

• Musical and mental preparation for each rehearsal is critical to establishing excellence in the ensemble. This is a minimum expectation.

• Ensemble Rehearsal is not meant to develop or practice individual technique; it is for addressing issues of ensemble problems (precision, intonation, etc.) and exploring musical possibilities of a work.

• Reference recordings and scores will be made available on D2L for you to deepen your understanding of the work as a whole.

SECTIONALS

• Periodically, musical issues will require outside section rehearsals which may be called by your section leader.
• Submit your finalized schedule and your phone number via email to your section leader.
• If needed email jconrad@mclennan.edu to secure a space.
• When possible, a director or a studio teacher will be glad to lead or coach sectionals

Course Outline or Schedule:

• The Waco Community Band will meet in the Ball Performing Arts Center every Tuesday, from 7:00 – 8:30pm. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 7:00. Please arrive early and warm-up prior to rehearsal.
• A specific schedule for each rehearsal will be emailed in advance. Please check your email regularly and note whether you need to pick up new music prior to rehearsal.

Course Grading Information:

Your Final Grade will be determined by:
• Preparation of Music (prior to rehearsal)
• Degree of professionalism exhibited in rehearsals and performances. (i.e. attitude)
• Attendance and Promptness to Rehearsals and Performances.

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

• Each unexcused absence from rehearsal will lower your final grade by one full letter grade. One unexcused rehearsal absence = B; two = C etc.
• An unexcused absence from a performance will result in an F for the entire semester and dismissal from the ensemble.
• Each tardy accumulates so that 3 tardies = 1 unexcused absence.
• In case of absence, a substitute must be arranged to cover your part.

Note: Excused absences are defined as illness (with note from a physician), family emergency, a McLennan Community College related event or activity (with prior approval), and religious holidays. Courtesy mandates notifying the instructor in advance of an absence whenever possible. Work is not an excuse for absence.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

In order to maintain a focused learning environment, it is required that cellular phones and tablets be in the off position except for Tonal Energy App. Only in the case of emergencies or unusual circumstances will exceptions be afforded.

* **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**
(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.

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.

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.*