



WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**SMALL COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE - JAZZ  
MUSP 1150 01**

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

**Clark Nauert**

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### **Course Description:**

Participation in a small jazz ensemble concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

### **Prerequisites and/or Co-requisites:**

NONE

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

This course requires advanced skills in reading chord nomenclature and instrumental facility.

### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Clark Nauert

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

Office Phone Number: 299-8258

Office Location: PAC 101

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: TBA (office hours will be posted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of classes)

Other Instruction Information:

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

NONE

**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)

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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)

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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:**

Rehearsals and Student Performances

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

Students will demonstrate the following skills to complete the competencies for this course:

1. Ability to read chord charts and musical notation
2. Improvisational ability through knowledge and application of improvisation theory.
3. Proficiency in playing a variety of Jazz styles
4. Ability to function effectively in a rhythm section
5. Ability to transcribe/chart music rehearsals
6. Ability to capture an audience through good stage presence.
7. Ability to communicate in musical terms to other musicians during rehearsals.
8. To demonstrate a professional and courteous attitude at all rehearsals and performances.
9. Ability to teach a new song to fellow members, using sound rehearsal techniques.
10. Ability to organize the set-up of the band equipment for a performance.

Students will be evaluated on the competencies during rehearsals and performances during the course of the term.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**

This class meets at 11:10am on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:10am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Spring Concert will be Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The jazz band will also perform at The Backyard in Waco on Sunday afternoon, April 19<sup>th</sup>. All students are required to be present at performances.

**Course Grading Information:**

Students will be evaluated on the competencies listed in **Course Objectives** (above) during rehearsals and performances during the course of the term. Each of the competencies is worth 10 pts. for a total of 100 pts.

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

Attendance: In a rehearsal/performance class consistent and regular attendance is vital to the success of the band and to the musical growth of each individual. Consistent and regular attendance is expected of each and every student in the class.

Students missing five class meetings may be dropped by the instructor.

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 Academic Integrity Statement](#)

([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](#)

([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).

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.*