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WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

APPLIED PIANO

MUAP-1169-03

PETER OLSON

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

NOTE: This is a Blended/Hybrid course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals. We are also concerned for your safety. We are working through COVID-19 guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. This will include smaller class sizes to manage social distancing and proper cleaning techniques. You will have the advantage of a physical classroom experience but may also need to work part of the time online as we adjust to limited classroom capacity. This will also allow us the flexibility to move online if so directed by federal, state and/or local COVID 19 guidelines. Faculty and staff are preparing now to ensure that you have the best experience in the midst of these uncertain times.

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Course Description:

Individual instruction in voice or brass, percussion, woodwind, stringed, or keyboard instruments. Available to non-majors as well as music majors who wish to study a secondary applied emphasis. Involves one private lesson per week and five practice hours per week. May be repeated for credit.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

None

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

None

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Peter Olson

MCC E-mail: polson@mclennan.edu

Office Phone Number: n/a

Office Location: n/a

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: By appointment

Other Instruction Information: Zoom link: <https://mclennan.zoom.us/my/polson>

Required Text & Materials:

No standard book is required, but the instructor may recommend purchasing a book or sheet music after determining the student's abilities and needs.

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

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

Each student will have a half-hour private lesson once per week. The instructor will provide guidance and feedback to each student to help him or her develop instrumental technique and abilities.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Learn and apply basic techniques of playing the piano

Fluently read music in both treble and bass clefs

Read and play basic melodies with chordal accompaniment and basic two-voice compositions

Prepare to pass piano proficiency requirements at various universities after transferring

Learn new solo repertoire to perform in a solo jury at the end of the semester

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Course Outline or Schedule:

The lesson materials and schedule will be determined on a student-by-student basis. Once the student and instructor meet, they will outline a plan and goals for the semester to help the student progress toward a jury performance at the end of the semester. The student will be expected to practice at least five hours per week outside of the lesson time.

There will be periodic studio classes (with all piano students) on Friday morning from 8:30–9:30. Some of these will be held on campus (MTA 110), and some will be online. The instructor will post the specific schedule to Brightspace.

Students will also be required to attend three concerts or recitals during the semester. (Music majors are required 15, but those will be tracked by their primary instrument instructor.) Turn in programs (or a pictures of a programs) from recitals you attend throughout the semester to get credit for the attendance requirement. If attending recitals is not possible due to health concerns, students may watch live streams or recordings of concerts for credit.

Course Grading Information:

The grade will be based on lesson participation and preparation, as well as performance in the final jury. The instructor will judge how well the student prepares each week and provide a grade (out of 10 points) and feedback. Twelve lesson scores will count toward the final grade (up to two may be dropped). The grade for the final jury (35 points) will be based on preparation of the music, accuracy of execution, and musicality of the performance.

Lesson preparation and participation: 10 points/week	120 points	60%
Recital attendance: 5 points each	15 points	7.5%
Studio class attendance: 4 points/class	30 points	15%
<u>Jury performance:</u>	<u>35 points</u>	<u>17.5%</u>
Total grade:	200 points	100%

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

If it is necessary to reschedule a lesson, the instructor will work with the student to schedule a time. If a student does not show up to an assigned lesson time without contacting the instructor ahead of time, the lesson will not be rescheduled and the student will receive a 0 for that lesson. Since only 12 lesson scores count toward the final grade, a student may miss one or two lessons without affecting their grade, but additional missed lessons will have a negative impact on the final grade.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Students are expected to conduct themselves properly and respectfully during lessons and in all communications.

*** [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](#)**

(<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.

** You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Mozilla Firefox, Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari) to print each link's information.*

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

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. Students can 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/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

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](https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty%20and%20Staff%20Commons/requirements.html)
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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.

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.

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 her/his 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.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward the 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 become lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

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](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix)
(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 (Chief of Staff for Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) 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. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

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.

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