

# McLennan C O M M U N I T Y C O L L E G E

WACO, TEXAS

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## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**AND**

## **INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

### **APPLIED COMMERCIAL MUSIC – COMMERCIAL GUITAR MUSP 1105 01**

**CLARK NAUERT**

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

**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.

**Course Description:**

Private instruction in electric guitar with goals related to commercial music. Demonstrate proficiency in commercial music repertoire and technique; develop a professional, disciplined approach to performance skills; and present a juried performance at semester's end.

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

none

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

**My plan for this semester is that students in this course will meet face to face with the instructor for lessons each week unless the college makes a change due to public health concerns.**

Students will be assigned individual instructors at the start of each semester.

Students will keep a practice journal in which practice time, material practiced, questions and observations will be logged. The journal is to be brought to every lesson starting with the second lesson of the semester.

A jury will be played at the semester's end for the string faculty. This will demonstrate the work done and progress achieved during the semester. Scales, arpeggios, chord studies and several songs will need to be prepared for this event. In the student's last semester, a public performance demonstrating skills acquired in a variety of musical styles will be presented. This is called the Capstone performance.

Students are required to practice at least one hour per day. Guitar majors should set aside time to practice a minimum of 2 hours per day.

It is highly recommend that students purchase or aquire a **metronome** (or metronome app) and an **electronic tuner** (or tuner app). These items can be found at any music store for around \$20. Apps can be found online at the App Store and Google Play. Some that are free work quite well. Some students may prefer the features that come with apps that must be purchased. For a metronome I use Metrotimer from the App Store.

**Instructor Information:**

Clark Nauert

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

Office Phone Number: 254.299.8258

Office Location: BPAC 101

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: TBA

**Required Text & Materials:**

TEXT: Text will be chosen by the instructor.

*See your instructor before purchasing the text for this course.*

As in any other course, your textbook is essential. You cannot pass this course without completing the material required in the textbook.

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

**Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

One on one demonstration-discussion-musical interaction, student performances / presentations.

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

To develop the skills necessary to work as a professional guitarist by learning the following (at the current skill level of the student):

- 1) play a variety of **accompaniment** styles.
- 2) **improvise** using **scales** and **arpeggio** patterns combined with knowledge of chord-scale relationships.
- 3) **read** chord charts and melody lines.
- 4) play a continually expanding repertoire of **songs**.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**

Weekly grades will be given based on the student's progress toward the goals assigned at each weekly lesson. Fourteen 50 minute lessons will be given during the course of the semester. There will be no lesson the first week of classes while student and instructor schedules are put in place. There will not be a lesson during the last week of the semester as it is exam week and the student will have played the equivalent of the guitar lesson exam the week before on jury day.

**Concert Attendance**

Programs from five live MCC music department performances will be turned in before the end of the semester. This will count as 10% of the final grade.

**A jury will be played at the end of the semester.** This will be a short presentation of no more than 10 minutes. The student will play material representative of the study done during the

semester. This typically consists of the performance of one or more songs while the instructor accompanies the student. Technique studies such as scale or arpeggios may also be required. The jury performance will count as 14% of the final grade.

**Course Grading Information:**

GRADING:	Attendance	- 41%
	Weekly Assignments	- 35%
	Performance Attendance	- 10%
	Jury	- 14%

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

Make-up lessons will be given at the discretion of the instructor and only if prior notice for the missed lesson has been given by the student. After four lessons are missed the student will be dropped from the course. For more on attendance, see the MCC attendance policy.

**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.

- Face coverings must be worn during lessons. Students refusing to wear a face covering will be required to leave the classroom unless an accommodation or exemption is on file with the college

**\* [Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)**

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The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

The Center for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as “a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals into action.” Individual faculty members determine their class policies and behavioral expectations for students. Students who commit violations of academic integrity should expect serious consequences. Offenses will be tracked so that appropriate sanctions can be applied. For further information about student responsibilities and rights, please consult the McLennan website and your Highlander Student Guide.

**\* [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.

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students, and each instructor will maintain a complete record of attendance for the entire length of each course, including online and hybrid courses. Students will be counted absent from class meetings missed, beginning with the first official day of classes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades.

Absence from 25 percent of scheduled lecture and/or laboratory meetings will be taken as evidence that a student does not intend to complete the course. Unless a professor has reason to believe the student will complete the course, the student will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. The professor may reinstate the student if satisfied that the student will resume regular attendance and will complete the course.

If the student's 25 percent absences are reached after the official drop date (the 60 percent point in the semester or term), the professor may assign a W if the student is passing and requests to be withdrawn. However, if a student who is not passing reaches the 25 percent point after the official drop date, the student will receive an F. In extenuating circumstances, the professor may assign a W to a student who is not passing.

Each absence will count toward attendance requirements in each course.

Please refer to the [Highlander Guide](#) for the complete policy.

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

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

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[titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto: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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