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## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

## **AND**

## **INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**Music Appreciation**

**MUSI 1306 01**

**Donald C. Balmos**

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

### **COVID 19 Notice:**

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

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### **Course Description**

Understanding music through the study of cultural periods, major composers, and musical elements illustrated with audio recordings and live performances. (Does not apply to a music major degree.) Applies as a required humanities or fine arts course for all students. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

### **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites**

*None*

### **Instructor Information**

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254-722-7730

I prefer email and will generally respond within minutes. I am available before and after class and can schedule face-to-face or Zoom appointments.

### **Required Text & Materials**

Title: Listen to This (Revel)

Author: Mark Evan Bonds

Edition: 4<sup>th</sup>

Copyright: 2018

Publisher: Pearson

ISBN: 13-978013441

### **Explanation**

Revel is the platform for the Listen to This textbook. This book can be accessed as an audio book or as a more traditional electronic textbook which includes many audio examples. The cost of this textbook was included in your tuition and fees and provides an access code to your textbook. This is a part of the **McLennan IncludedED** program and will provide students access to the textbook on most any device. You simply go into Content, click on "Textbook: Revel", then click on the link and follow the instructions. There is also an OPTION to purchase a loose-leaf paper text at the bookstore.

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

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

The course delivery will consist of lecture and discussion, using the aid of Power Points and video recordings of music. Students should review course materials for each unit prior to the beginning of each class and come prepared to discuss and ask questions. Unit materials consist of printed copies of my lectures, Power Points used in class, a Test Review, and a Test. The Test Reviews will be an excellent way to take notes in class and prepare for each exam. The **five unit exams and a comprehensive final exam will be taken in Brightspace and** represent 70% of your semester grade calculation. The **Day of**

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**Music Assignment**, the **Two Concert Reviews** are a direct application of your understanding of music much like a lab in a science course and represent 30% of your semester grade.

### Course Objectives and/or Competencies

The course will meet the following Student Learning Outcomes:

- Develop an understanding of the principles that govern and/or guide the musical arts and demonstrate progress in learning how to listen to and better understand music.
- Critical Thinking Skills - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information relating music to our society and history.
- Communication Skills - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- Teamwork - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
- Social Responsibility: to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities. How does music fit into our culture?

## Course Outline and Schedule

### **The Elements of Music**

January 10  
January 12  
January 19

Course Introduction, Outline, and Schedule  
The Elements of Music  
The Instruments in the Orchestra

### **The Middle Ages and Renaissance**

January 24  
January 26  
January 31  
**February 2**

The Middle Ages (Ch. 1, 3, 4)  
The Renaissance (Ch. 7-10) (**Day of Music Assignment Due**)  
The Renaissance  
**Test I (Elements of Music, Orchestra, Middle Ages, Renaissance)**

### **The Baroque Era**

February 7  
February 9  
February 14  
February 16  
**February 21**

Claudio Monteverdi and Henry Purcell (Ch. 13-14)  
Barbara Strozzi and Antonio Vivaldi (Ch. 16-17)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (Ch. 18-20)  
George Frideric Handel (Ch. 21)  
**TEST II**

### **The Classical Era**

February 23  
February 28  
March 2  
March 14  
**March 16**

The Classical Style and Forms  
Franz Joseph Haydn (Ch. 22-24)  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Ch. 25-27)  
Beethoven (Ch. 30) (**First Concert Review Due**)  
**Test III**

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### The Romantic Era

March 21  
March 23  
March 28  
March 30  
April 4  
**April 6**

The 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Lied and Character Piece  
Beethoven, Schubert, The Mendelssohn's (Ch. 31, 32, 34)  
Berlioz, The Schumann's, Brahms (Ch. 33, 35, 36 43)  
Class Performance: Chopin, Tchaikovsky (Ch. 37, 42)  
Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner (Ch. 40, 41)

**TEST IV**

### The 20<sup>th</sup> Century

April 11  
April 13  
April 18  
April 20  
April 25  
**April 27**

Claude Debussy, Charles Ives, and Arnold (Ch. 45-47)  
Arnold Schoenberg, Stravinsky, Copland, Still (Ch. 48, 55, 56)  
Copland, Still, Bernstein, (Ch. 58, 59) (**Second Concert Review Due**)  
Bernstein and Cage (Ch. 49, 50, 52)  
Jazz: Joplin, Ellington, Parker, Arlington Jones

**Test V**

May 2 (11:10-1:10)  
May 4 (9:35-11:35)

**FINAL EXAM (MUSI 1306.02) Taken in Brightspace**  
**FINAL EXAM (MUSI 1306.01) Taken in Brightspace**

**\*\*All tests and the final exam will be taken in Brightspace with no class meeting on those days.**

### Course Grading Information: Exams, Assignments and Semester Grade Calculation

**Your semester grade will be based on a 1,000 point scale. Point values for readings and quizzes in Revel do not affect your grade. You earn points based on the following:**

- 1. One Day of Music Report (100 points):** Specific instructions for this assignment are available under Resources in your course shell. It is a reflective exercise allowing you to write about music you hear within a 24-hour period.
- 2. Five Unit Exams (each worth 100 points) (500 points):** A link to each unit exam included with the materials for each unit. Each exam will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the test date listed in your course schedule. It will consist of 50 multiple choice questions requiring an application of critical thinking skills. You will be given one hour to complete the exam.
- 3. Two Concert Reviews (each worth 100 points) (200 points):** Specific instructions for this assignment are available under Resources in your course shell. You may select either a live performance or a YouTube video, however, your selection must receive advance approval from your professor.
- 4. Final Exam (200 points):** The Final is comprehensive and is in a similar format to the unit exams and will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on the scheduled day. There will be 100 questions and you will have 2 hrs. to complete this exam.

### Semester Grade Calculation

**900-1,000 points = A**  
**800-899 points = B**  
**700-799 points = C**

600-699 points = D

0-599 points = F

### **Late Work, Attendance, Makeup Work and Communication**

*What I expect of you and what you should expect of yourself to be successful in this course.*

**Late Work:** I do not penalize for late work, however, you will penalize yourself. I have data to support that students who do not turn their three writing assignments in on time will never complete that assignment. Each assignment is worth one letter of our semester grade.

**Attendance:** I do not penalize you for missing class, however, you penalize yourself. You will also want to check the MCC attendance policy. Based on that policy, I am obligated to drop a student after 7 absences.

**Makeup Work:** Do not miss a test.

**Communication:** Communicate frequently via email. Each email should have your first and last name listed along with your section number. Your email should begin with a salutation to Dr. Balmos, an opening sentence that identifies yourself with your first and last name, and an introductory comment explaining the subject of your email. Include a closing comment as you would in a professional letter or other communication.

### **Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy**

**The overall expectation** for classroom decorum in college includes respect for the course, the process, the professor, fellow students, the professor, and course materials. You should **remain engaged** in lectures, discussion, and the music you are hearing. **Nothing should distract from the learning process in the classroom.** I will address specifics to individuals when necessary.

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

- Begin navigating through your course shell and access all course materials. Instructions may be found in your Introduction to Brightspace course shell.
- Ensure that you have daily access to a computer with reliable internet access. Check emails and announcements in Brightspace on a daily basis.
- Access the course calendar on a daily basis and work ahead. Place test dates and assignment due dates in your own personal calendar. Be prepared for each lecture.
- Always demonstrate college level writing and communication skills.
- Communicate frequently and ask questions.
- You are the motivating factor in your own education. You should take ownership and responsibility for what you learn and take away from this course. Will you only earn a grade?

**[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.

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### **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. For additional information, please visit [www.mclennan.edu/disability](http://www.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

### **Title IX:**

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 (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at [www.mclennan.edu/titleix/](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/). It 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.

**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 or emailing [SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu](mailto:SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu). Students may 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).

**MCC Academic Integrity Statement:**

Go to [www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity) for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

**Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:**

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

**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 notified via 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.



**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 their 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. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email [Helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:Helpdesk@mclennan.edu) for help.

**Forwarding Emails:**

You may forward 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 be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

**Disclaimer:**

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.