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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**AND**

**INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**BUSINESS PRINCIPLES**

**BUSI 1301.004**

**ANNETTE BIGHAM**

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

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## **Course Description:**

This course introduces the student to various interrelated disciplines in the business world. Broad-based topics contained within the course include business organization, management, marketing, economics, finance, accounting, and international business.

Semester Hours:            3 (3 lecture)

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

There are no prerequisites for this course.

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

This course is designed to be a very practical course which will help students academically and professionally. This course provides students with basic information regarding numerous aspects in the world of business. Students may be very knowledgeable about some topics while other topics may be completely new to them. As this course serves as an introduction to business, students will find that it helps them to determine their major or future professional goals.

This course may be the student's first exposure to the college environment and the world of business. As the professor, it is my desire to ensure an interactive and exciting classroom environment. In order to do so, student participation is a necessity. By participating in discussions and activities, students are able to glean more knowledge from the course and make the class much more enjoyable for everyone involved!

The Brightspace online learning environment and McGraw-Hill's Connect platform play an integral role throughout this course. All coursework will be submitted in McGraw-Hill Connect. The course syllabus, instructor information, and general gradebook will be provided in Brightspace. Individual activities are directly linked in Brightspace as well so that the course follows a linear approach. Lecture notes are provided for each chapter.

Essential business skills will be reinforced throughout this semester. These are skills necessary to achieve success in the workplace and in life. Your instructors' course policies are designed to enforce such skills as timeliness, accountability, responsibility, effective communication, professionalism, and integrity. Each of these policies are defined within the course syllabus.

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### **Instructor Information:**

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Office/Teacher Conference Hours:	MTWTH 2:30-3:30
Zoom Webconference Information:	Meeting ID: 254-299-8690

Must be scheduled in advance with instructor

### **Correspondence Policy:**

Email is the preferred method of communication. Emails are returned within 24 hours recommended of receipt except when receiver over the weekend or during holidays. Emails received during weekends or holidays will be returned the first business day that the College is open. Students are to include the course and section number in the subject of their emails. Failure to include the course and section number in the email's subject line will result in a delay in response.

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Brightspace offers the ability to send an "instant message" to me from within the course. Please do not use this feature if you need to contact us and receive a response fairly quickly. The instant message (IM) feature does not alert my cell phone or email, both of which I monitor closely. Additionally, even though I may appear to be online, I may be actively teaching other courses and unable to respond. Email is the preferred method of communication, followed by Zoom meeting, text message, then telephone call.

When contacting me by email for this course, you must follow these rules:

1. Write using formal English only (as if to the president of the company where you work).
2. Always begin your subject line with BUSI 1301.03(the class' email will be sorted into a specific file).
3. Use your MCC student email address – external email addresses are often caught by the spam filter and will likely not be seen.

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4. Attach documents using Microsoft Office formats (doc, docx, xls, xlsx, ppt, and pptx) or in Rich Text Format, when possible (see note in the Required Software section). Avoid sharing documents with your professor through OneDrive, Google Drive, or Dropbox unless absolutely necessary. Work will not be accepted by email.

Failure to do any of the above may result in me not seeing or reading your email. I read my e-mail at least twice a day during the week; however, if you send an e-mail at 11 PM with a question you need answered before tomorrow, I likely will not read it before you need a response. I do not always read e-mails on the weekends. Do not expect instantaneous responses from me. Instructors are not 24/7 call centers and many students need assistance, therefore you must plan ahead. Remember, poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency for anyone else.

When you send an e-mail, ALWAYS begin the subject line with BUSI 1301.03. If you respond to my e-mail, hit reply, and make sure BUSI 1301.03 is present in the subject line.

I do not answer e-mails asking when something is due. You have a schedule both here in the syllabus and in Brightspace which will tell you exactly when everything is due. As a college student, you are expected to be both responsible and accountable.

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

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This course is an inclusive access course. This means that the cost of your digital textbook and access to the McGraw-Hill Connect platform has been included in your tuition. You will receive Orientation Video instructions on how to access your textbook and other materials in the Course Orientation & Week 1 content topics as well as your syllabus. Please follow these instructions closely to access your materials. Your course text utilizes McGraw-Hill Connect, which is an interactive tool linked to your Brightspace shell.

If you would like to rent or purchase a printed copy of the textbook for use in the class, you can do so within McGraw-Hill Connect by clicking the “Connect Access” link within Brightspace. The number of textbooks available for rent are limited, so act quickly if you desire to rent a copy!

## **PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO BEFORE REGISTERING FOR CONNECT!**

Student Connect Registration Instructions:

<https://video.mhhe.com/watch/dgiVkPnwz63U77eeq6MhqT>

### **McGraw-Hill Customer Experience (Technical Support):**

Phone: 1-800-331-5094

Live chat/email: <https://mhedu.force.com/CXG/s/ContactUs>

Mon-Thu: 24 Hours, Fri: 12AM-9PM, Sat: 10AM-8PM, Sun: 12PM-12AM (All Times Eastern USA)

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Should you encounter issues with McGraw-Hill's Connect platform, your first contact should be to McGraw-Hill's Customer Experience division. They are instrumental in resolving any issues that you face!

### **Required Software:**

No specialized software is required for this course.

### **Required Hardware:**

No special hardware is required for this course.

### **Minimum Technical Skills:**

Students should have a basic understanding of how to navigate webpages and utilize hyperlinks within website content.

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

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

1. This is a 16-week online course and will require a lot of self-discipline from students! You will be expected to read the required chapters and complete the required assignments on time. I am here to make sure you understand and are learning the objectives set in this course. Students are expected to be self-disciplined, use time management skills effectively, and to be accountable for

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their actions in this course.

2. This course utilizes e-book reading, online quizzes and assignments, and exams to teach toward the course objectives. You should also understand that this can be a tough course. Reading the book is not optional. You will likely need to read the e-book several times in order to gain an understanding of the material. This class requires that you think critically and in a far different way than you are likely used to. Be prepared to put in the necessary time and effort into this course!
3. Time is NOT your friend! For today's college student (and today's business professional), time is our most limited commodity. You must manage your time effectively to ensure that you complete all course requirements while maintaining your responsibilities at home, work, and in society. Learning to say "no" to things of lesser importance and managing your time well are practical skills that are beneficial in life and in your future profession!

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

Course objectives are listed on the first page of each chapter in the required text. We will cover all chapters of the text throughout the duration of the course. Additionally, the following course objectives will be met during the course:

- Explain and demonstrate the economic and social importance of business in our economic system;
- Identify the factors of production and the gain sought by each, as well as how each are inputs to the productive system;
- Outline and contrast the major features of capitalism, communism, and socialism;
- List and describe each of the functions in the management process;
- Explain and demonstrate the decision-making process;
- Apply the six basic steps in a typical production planning and control system;
- Evaluate the four parts of the marketing mix and explain the marketing concept;
- Compile a marketing research project;
- Analyze the life cycle of a product;
- Explain and apply break-even analysis;
- Complete the principal accounting equations;

- Explain the functions of money;
- Outline the functions of the Federal Reserve System and its impact on the national economy;
- Analyze and evaluate the activities of the public securities market; and,
- Evaluate and choose between ethical courses of action in business situations.

**Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:**

If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

By January 23, 2024, the student must have completed the Chapter 1 Quiz or they will be dropped from the course.

**Definitions**

The terminology we use is important.

- Drops occur BEFORE the census date and do not count against the student's maximum withdrawal count of 6 classes, as defined by state law.
- Withdrawals occur AFTER the census date and count in the student's maximum withdrawal count of 6 classes.

**Face-to-Face Course Attendance Policy (Business Division)**

Students enrolled in face-to-face courses are expected to attend class.

The instructor will use a method of their choice for routine recording of student attendance. The official record for student attendance is Brightspace. Instructors must update the official record within 24 hours of a class meeting in the days prior to the census date. After the census date, instructors must update the official record within 48 hours of a class meeting.

If a student fails to appear for face-to-face sessions in the period prior to the census date, the instructor will drop the student for failure to attend even if they complete accessible assignments in Brightspace.

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Past census date, for a student to remain in a face-to-face course, they must regularly attend class. If a student misses more than 25% of class meetings prior to the 60% point of the term, the instructor will withdraw the student from the course. If a student misses more than 25% of class meetings and the class is past the 60% point for the term, the instructor will NOT withdraw the student. The student is assigned the grade earned for the course.

If a student attends class meetings but does not complete assignments, they remain in the course and are awarded the grade earned at the end of the term.

Absences are excused in accordance with MCC policy which includes (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, (4) Pregnant or Parenting Protections under Title IX and/or Texas State Education Code Chapter 51, Subchapter Z, Section 51.982 or (5) any excused absences as outlined in Section IV of this policy: <https://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/B-II.pdf>

Students are required to file a written or electronic request with each instructor for an excused absence in a timely manner.

### **Computer Problems**

All coursework is required to be submitted via the Content tool within Brightspace, which provides links to all Connect activities. If you are unfamiliar with how to submit work in Brightspace, please review the materials provided in the Brightspace Orientation course, available to all MCC students. Due to the vast number of computers we have available on campus, as well as the availability of computers in community areas, I do not allow late work due to personal computer issues. MCC has created a WiFi hotspot in the parking lot of the Highlander Gym, as well as in all campus buildings, for students to use in the event that their home internet connection fails. Due to the availability of WiFi on campus and at many businesses and community centers, I do not allow late work due to home internet connection issues. It is your responsibility to ensure that work is completed on time and from a reliable source. If technology fails on campus (such as Brightspace going down for ALL users), adjustments will be made at the instructors' discretion.

### **Course Outline or Schedule:**



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In the event that a schedule change is necessary, students will be notified by course announcement in Brightspace and the information changed on the course calendar located in Brightspace. All assignments must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the specified due date.

Week	Due Date	Assigned Reading	Class Activity/Assignments Due
1	1/16	Syllabus; Chapter 1	Orientation Video assignments Chapter 1 activities & quiz
2	1/23	Chapter 2	Chapter 2 activities & quiz
3	1/30	Chapter 3	Chapter 3 activities & quiz <b>Exam 1</b>
4	2/6	Chapter 4	Chapter 4 activities & quiz
5	2/13	Chapter 5	Chapter 5 activities & quiz <b>Exam 2</b>
6	2/20	Chapter 6	Chapter 6 activities & quiz
7	2/27	Chapter 7	Chapter 7 activities & quiz
<b>3/4 – 3/10 SPRING BREAK</b>			
8	3/12	Chapter 8	Chapter 8 activities & quiz <b>Exam 3</b>
9	3/19	Chapter 9	Chapter 9 activities & quiz
10	3/26	Chapter 10	Chapter 10 activities & quiz <b>Exam 4</b>
11	4/2	Chapter 11	Chapter 11 activities & quiz
12	4/9	Chapter 13	Chapter 13 activities & quiz
13	4/16	Chapter 14	Chapter 14 activities & quiz <b>Exam 5</b>
14	4/23	Chapter 15	Chapter 15 activities & quiz
15	4/26	Bonus Chapter C	Bonus Chapter C activities & quiz <b>Exam 6</b>
16	4/30		<b>Comprehensive Final Exam</b>

## Course Grading Information:

Orientation Activities	x	5%	=	_____
SmartBook Assignments	x	15%	=	_____

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Chapter Assignments	x	15%	=	_____
Chapter Quizzes	x	30%	=	_____
Exams	x	25%	=	_____
Comprehensive Final Exam	x	<u>10%</u>	=	_____
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>100%</u></b>	=	_____

90-100%	A
80-89.999%	B
70-79.999%	C
60-69.999%	D
0-59.999%	F

## Orientation Activities—5%

This course is designed in a manner that maximizes the use of our time together. To accomplish this, all course assignments, quizzes, and exams will be completed in McGraw-Hill's Connect platform. To ensure that you are familiar with the Connect platform, there are two assignments that require you to view videos (for the entirety of the video) and answer some basic questions on the navigation of Connect, the completion of assignments in Connect, and the submission of quizzes and exams in Connect.

## SmartBook Assignments—15%

In this course, we utilize a digital textbook that has been included in Brightspace and Connect (although you can rent or purchase a hard-copy through Connect should you desire). However, not everyone enjoys reading and far fewer students enjoy reading textbooks! Each week, you will have a SmartBook assignment that covers the week's chapter. The assignment provides you with direct access to the textbook and utilizes a quiz-like format to evaluate your understanding of the material covered. It is recommended that you read the chapter in its entirety before attempting to answer the questions. Each SmartBook activity should last between 30-60 minutes, although attempting to answer questions without reading the text will cause the activity to go much longer. Also, there are two types of questions utilized in SmartBook activities. Rote memorization questions are the questions you are likely most familiar with – they require you to recall information from the text, such as a definition. Practical application questions are more challenging – they require you to apply what you have learned to a given situation or scenario. *SmartBook activities cannot be submitted late nor the deadline extended once the due date has passed.*

## Assignments—15%

For each chapter covered, students will be required to complete one chapter assignment.

Chapter Assignments challenge students to demonstrate their knowledge of key concepts and terms by applying them to a variety of business scenarios. Application-Based Activities, noted in the course as ‘ABA’, are highly interactive exercises that immerse students into a business environment, allow them to analyze the situation, and apply their knowledge in the scenario. Due to the extent of critical thinking required, ABA activities are challenging; therefore, students have an unlimited number of attempts to score a 100 on ABA activities. For chapters lacking an ABA assignment, you’ll find a quiz-like chapter assignment. These assignments are not timed, but you only have two attempts to earn a 100% on them. Quiz-like assignments utilize both rote memorization and practical application questions. *ABA activities cannot be submitted late nor can the deadline be extended once the due date has passed.*

### **Chapter Quizzes—30%**

For every chapter covered, students are required to complete a short quiz over the material. Each quiz is comprised of 10 multiple-choice questions. Students will be given 2 attempts to take each quiz and the highest score will be recorded in the gradebook. Each quiz will have a 15 minute time limit. Stopping and starting is not allowed—if the quiz is interrupted for whatever reason, it will count as an attempt. If you have accommodations that affect test timing, those accommodations are made in Connect and your time limit will be automatically adjusted. Both rote memorization and practical application questions are utilized in chapter quizzes.

### **Exams—25%**

There are 6 major exams given during the semester. You will be able to take each of these exams only one time. You will have 35 minutes to complete your exams and once you start them, you must complete them in 1 sitting. Do NOT stop the exams and attempt to resume them at a later date or time. Just like the chapter quizzes, accommodations are made automatically for those with accommodations on file at MCC. Rote memorization and practical application questions are utilized on exams.

### **Comprehensive Final Exam—10%**

The final exam is comprehensive and is required to be taken by all students. It will be given during final exams week as scheduled, thus you will need to take it during our assigned date and time. You will only have 1 attempt. Additionally, you will have 120 minutes to complete your Final Exam and once you start it, you must complete it in 1 sitting. Do NOT stop the exam and attempt to resume it at a later date or time. This exam CANNOT be submitted late. As with quizzes and exams, timing will be adjusted automatically for those with accommodations and both rote memorization and practical

application questions will be utilized.

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

Assignment due dates can be found on your schedule, within this syllabus, and associated with each assignment and exam on Brightspace. **All work is due on or before the assigned date and time (Sundays of the week in which the material was covered)!** If you miss the assigned due date, there will be a 15% penalty assessed for each subsequent day that the work is submitted late. Late work will not be accepted beyond 1 week from the due date. **The comprehensive final exam cannot be submitted late.** If there is something that you believe may hinder the completion of an exam on time, it is your responsibility to contact the instructor to inform them.

**\*\*\*EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES\*\*\***

I also understand that people get sick for a variety of reasons. I understand that family events occur, work requires attendance, and many other things can temporarily disrupt a student's classroom experience. However, less than 20% of students receiving extensions on their work actually complete the work within the extended timeframe. As such, **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GIVEN REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCE.**

Rather than give extensions, a certain number of grades (as shown below) will be dropped from your course average. Therefore, if you miss assignments or quizzes, be sure to complete them late. The lowest defined number of grades in each category will be automatically dropped. This protects you from extenuating circumstances during the semester (likely moreso than being granted an extension) and requires less effort on your part!

**Number of Grades to be Dropped per Category:**

SmartBook – 1;

ABA/Chapter Assignments – 1;

Exam (excluding the Final Exam) – 1

During the semester, students think they have plenty of time to work on their assignments, and you do, but do not procrastinate. This is not a self-paced course where everything is due at the end of the semester. Some of the work in each week may require significant time to complete. Plan ahead for this!

**Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

agiarizing or cheating in any way, you will be given one written warning, be reported to the Conduct Officer, and will receive a zero on the assignment for the first offense. I reserve the right to regrade any work that has been submitted up to the point of alleged plagiarism, and this regrade will result in a failing grade. You will be allowed to resubmit any work we find on the first instance of plagiarism, but will not receive a grade higher than 50% of the assignment's total possible points. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing a second time, you will automatically be given an "NC" for the course, without the option to drop the course for the grade of a "W," and will be reported to the Conduct Officer with the possibility of academic suspension. For more information on plagiarism, I recommend visiting <http://www.plagiarism.org/plagiarism-101/what-is-plagiarism/>.

**Turnitin (<https://www.turnitin.com/>):** In order to help students learn proper composition skills and to promote academic honesty, this class will use the services provided by Turnitin (hereinafter, the "Service"). The above URL contains information about the capabilities, services, terms and conditions, and privacy policy of the Service. Faculty may use the Service to review all submitted assignments.

Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Students further understand that if the results of the review support an allegation of academic dishonesty, the students' work will be investigated and the student is subject to discipline according to policy.

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### \*\*\*INSTRUCTOR NOTE:\*\*\*

Deviation from any of the aforementioned course policies, will result in the following penalties:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Written warning from the instructors, a zero grade issued for the activity in which the offense occurred, and a report made to the Conduct Officer. Conduct issues not involving a graded activity will be addressed by written warning from the instructor and a report made to the Conduct Officer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Report made to Conduct Officer and immediate removal from the course with an "NC" given for the course grade.

At the end of the semester, grades will not fall like manna from the sky! You EARN your grade. The time to be concerned with your grade is all during the semester, not the day grades are posted. The time to visit with me to express interest in the course, to ask for assistance, or to discuss your grade is WELL BEFORE THE WORK IS DUE. Please ask questions; please let me know how I can help you. When approached before a due date, there is much I am willing to do to help you. When approached after the due date has passed, there are far less accommodations that can be made in order to fairness to other students. Don't procrastinate and plan ahead – it will make a world of difference in your academic career!

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You need to be concerned about your scholarship, grants, and graduation all during the semester, NOT after you earned an NC or a W. Do not participate when the mood strikes you; you are expected to participate throughout the entire semester. Please contact me if you have extenuating circumstances.

Please understand that I care for each of my students, especially when it comes to their safety and well-being. If during the course of our discussions an issue arises in which I believe warrants a referral for Title IX or to our success coaches, I will not hesitate to make the referral. I will do my best to notify you in advance of the referral and will stand by your side as part of your circle of care for as long as you and the college will allow. Should these

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circumstances arise, please understand that the referral is not disciplinary, but rather an opportunity to intervene early and identify all resources that can help you find academic and personal success.

**[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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## **ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES**

### **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. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>



Additionally, Title IX provides rights and protections for pregnant and newly parenting students. 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/>

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email ([ast@mclennan.edu](mailto:ast@mclennan.edu)) by going to our website (<https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/>)

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 either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing [crew@mclennan.edu](mailto:crew@mclennan.edu) or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing [success@mclennan.edu](mailto:success@mclennan.edu).

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to <https://calendly.com/paulannespantry-mcc/15min>.

The CREW, Success Coaches, and Paulanne's Pantry are all located on the second floor of the Student Services building in Success Coaching Services.

**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:**

Please view our [Academic integrity statement](#) for more information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

**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. For more information about your student email account, go to [www.mclennan.edu/studentemail](http://www.mclennan.edu/studentemail).

**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.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

**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.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support](#) or email [helpdesk@mclennan.edu](mailto:helpdesk@mclennan.edu).

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