



WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**WACO COMMUNITY BAND  
MUEN 1130\_50**

**Jon Conrad, Conductor**

**Course Description:**

Concert band, marching band, campus band, laboratory band (jazz/stage), symphony or orchestral group. Provides a performance ensemble for members of the community who play a band instrument. Prerequisites: Audition and/or permission of the instructor. Semester Hour 1 (3 lab)

**Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

Participation by audition or consent of the instructor.

**Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

In order to maintain a consistent and optimal performing ensemble, the Waco Community Band utilizes a fixed instrumentation which limits the number of players in each section. Section openings are filled from our Wait List of auditioned adult musicians. To learn if an immediate opening exists in a section or to arrange an audition for our Wait List, please contact the appropriate Section Leader.

**Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Mr. Jon R. Conrad, Conductor

MCC Email: [jconrad@mclennan.edu](mailto:jconrad@mclennan.edu)

Office Number: 254.299.8220

Office Location: BPAC 103

Office Conference Hours: By appointment

**Required Text & Materials:**

- SOLID BLACK, formal attire (see Concert Dress Section)
- A tuner (or Tonal Energy App)
- A metronome (or Tonal Energy App)
- All Waco Community Band / MCC issued music contained within your folder

**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/>

\* [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) ([www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements))  
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:**

The Waco Community Band is a major ensemble that performs significant repertoire for wind and percussion instruments. The ensemble is comprised of talented musicians from the greater Waco area who have demonstrated an outstanding level of musicianship through an audition procedure. The Waco Community Band performs six concerts each season featuring new works as well as core repertoire for Winds and Percussion.

**Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

**PREPARATION**

- Musical and mental preparation for each rehearsal is critical to establishing excellence in the ensemble. This is a **minimum** expectation.
- Ensemble Rehearsal is not meant to develop or practice individual technique; it is for addressing issues of ensemble problems (precision, intonation, etc.) and exploring musical possibilities of a work.
- Reference recordings and scores will be made available on Brightspace for you to deepen your understanding of the work as a whole.

**SECTIONALS**

- Periodically, musical issues will require outside section rehearsals which may be called by your section leader.
- If needed email [jconrad@mclennan.edu](mailto:jconrad@mclennan.edu) to secure a space.

**Course Outline or Schedule:**

Tuesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Rehearsal 7:00 – 8:30pm	Band Hall
Thursday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Waco Community Band Concert 7:30pm	Bosque River Stage

**Course Grading Information:**

Your Final Grade will be determined by:

- Preparation of Music (**prior to rehearsal**)
- Degree of professionalism exhibited in rehearsals and performances. (i.e. attitude)
- Attendance and Promptness to Rehearsals and Performances.

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

Each unexcused absence from rehearsal will lower your final grade by one full letter grade. One unexcused rehearsal absence = B; two = C etc.

- **An unexcused absence from a performance will result in an F for the entire semester and dismissal from the ensemble.**

**Note:** Excused absences are defined as illness (with note from a physician), family emergency, a McLennan Community College related event or activity (with prior approval), and religious holidays. Courtesy mandates notifying the instructor in advance of an absence whenever possible.

Musicians commit to participation in the group on a concert-by-concert basis. We refer to a concert and the preceding rehearsals as a concert set. Prior to the beginning of a new concert set, each section member is asked to check their work/personal calendar and commit to play or not play. Known absences should be stated before the new concert set begins so adequate part assignments and rehearsal schedules can be determined. Most concert sets will have 5 or 6 rehearsals. Musicians are expected to not miss more than one rehearsal per set. If a member knows they will miss more than one rehearsal, approval to participate in the concert set will be determined by the Section Leader through consultation with the conductor. A known absence from the dress/final rehearsal must be approved in advance by the conductor.

Members who have an unexpected absence from a rehearsal (ill, etc.) should notify the Section Leader as far in advance of rehearsal time as possible. It is the Section Leader's responsibility to then inform the conductor. Players who unexpectedly miss a rehearsal without explanation will be contacted by the Section Leader and may be asked to withdraw from the current concert set.

We are a group of musicians eager to be challenged by advanced literature and are dedicated to performing to our best ability. We understand the need to practice our parts outside of rehearsal time.

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

In order to maintain a focused learning environment, it is required that cellular phones and tablets be in the off position. Only in the case of emergencies or unusual circumstances will exceptions be afforded.

### **FORMAL CONCERT DRESS:**

- **MEN** – SOLID Black Tuxedo or suit, SOLID White shirt, SOLID Black socks, SOLID Black shoes, SOLID Black bowtie; vest or cummerbund (both solid black) are optional.
- **WOMEN** – SOLID black dress, skirt, or pant suit of appropriate length and style (a dress or blouse must have sleeves, and the length of skirts must be at least to the calf). Shoulders must be covered. Black dress shoes required.
- **Avoid applying perfumes/colognes before a performance.**

\* **[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.*