



## College of Arts and Sciences

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**MUEN 3121, 80410, Symphonic Band**  
**Fall 2020**  
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

### **COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

For Fall 2020, this is a 100% online course, and uses the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com>]

### **INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

Instructor: John Batson  
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#### **Office Hours**

You may call or email anytime for questions or to schedule an appointment

#### **Student-instructor interaction**

I check email often, so that is the best method to contact me.

### **WARRIOR SHIELD**

#### **Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

### **COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES**

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the coronavirus pandemic, Texas A&M University-Central Texas has adopted policies and practices to minimize virus transmission. All members of the university community are expected to adhere to these measures to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. Students must observe the

following practices while participating in face-to-face courses, course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.) and co-curricular programs:

- Self-monitoring—Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction. Students required to quarantine must participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities.
- Face Coverings— Face coverings must be worn inside of buildings and within 50 feet of building entrances on the A&M-Central Texas Campus. This includes lobbies, restrooms, hallways, elevators, classrooms, laboratories, conference rooms, break rooms, non-private office spaces, and other shared spaces. Face coverings are also required in outdoor spaces where physical distancing is not maintained. The university will evaluate exceptions to this requirement on a case by case basis. Students can request an exception through the Office of Access and Inclusion in Student Affairs.
  - If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office of Student Conduct. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.
- Physical Distancing—Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in the course and course-related activities.
- Classroom Ingress/Egress—Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded. Do not congregate in hallways and maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.
- The university will notify students in the event that the COVID-19 situation necessitates changes to the course schedule or modality.

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### **Course Overview and description**

Rehearsal and performance of quality concert band literature from a variety of styles. Open to any student by audition only.

## Course Objective or Goal

### Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, the student will demonstrate:

1. An awareness of rehearsal procedure and practice time management.
2. Instrumental competence on given parts
3. An awareness of good characteristic tones and technique.
4. A better understanding of ensemble performance.
5. Understanding of different period and genre performance styles

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS - ATTENDANCE/GRADING

The student is expected to attend each and every meeting of this ensemble. An absence will be recorded if the student misses more than 15 minutes of the meeting time unless prior arrangements are made.. Two tardys will result in one absence. In case of a student's absence, the policy will be as follows:

1. **Two** unexcused absences will result in the student's semester grade being lowered to a **B**.
2. **Three** unexcused absences will result in the student's semester grade being lowered to a **C**.
3. **Four** unexcused absences will result in the student being **dropped** from the class automatically.
4. If the student has an unexcused absence from **any** performance, he/she will automatically receive an **F** for the semester and will not be allowed to attend rehearsals or to perform with the ensemble again.
5. **If the teacher deems a student's behavior** not acceptable for class, the student will be asked to leave and will receive a **0** for that day's grade. To return to class a student will set up a conference with the teacher in his office before being allowed to return.
6. **In addition to our concert performances, all registered students are expected to participate in the graduation performance at the end of the spring semester when applicable.**
7. **See the attached schedule for a full rehearsal/performance schedule.**

**Excused absences** must be **documented** with the director and are as follows:

1. Personal illness (must contact the director before the rehearsal.
2. Personal or family emergency (contact the director before the rehearsal if possible)
3. Unavoidable incidents (contact the director before the rehearsal if possible)

### Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted in Canvas

## COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

This is a “tentative” schedule, but should give you a basic idea for the semester.

All “rehearsals” are Thursdays at 6:30pm via **Microsoft Teams**.

**Google Classroom Class Code: bxyajwp**

**Microsoft TEAMS Link for weekly “rehearsals:” UPDATED 8/22/20**

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MmNmZTU1Y2UtZjcxYy00ZmJlTkzZGMtZTg0M2Y1Y2Q0OGJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2273485353-c20f-4242-98b7-30edf6b8e7ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2262d5861a-71c0-4ad6-8d6a-a9abf39c54b7%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmNmZTU1Y2UtZjcxYy00ZmJlTkzZGMtZTg0M2Y1Y2Q0OGJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2273485353-c20f-4242-98b7-30edf6b8e7ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2262d5861a-71c0-4ad6-8d6a-a9abf39c54b7%22%7d)

August 20 – Thursday – Introduction and Syllabus

August 27 – Thursday – Introduction assignment due (TAMUCT - turn in next week)

Go over process for Alma Mater Recordings

September 3 – Thursday – Troubleshooting Alma Mater recording + more

September 10 – Thursday – Alma Mater recordings due

September 17 – Thursday – Setup Desert Storm process

September 24 – Thursday – Desert Storm “Slow” tempo due

October 1 – Thursday – Possible special guest appearance

October 8 – Thursday – Desert Storm Performance due

October 15 – Thursday – Reflection Assignment due/Setup Vanishing Point

October 22 – Thursday – Vanishing Point “Slow” tempo due

October 29 – Thursday – Possible guest appearance

November 5 – Thursday – Troubleshooting

November 12 - Thursday - Vanishing Point Due

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## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

During remote learning, Symphonic Band will meet synchronously on Thursday evenings using Zoom. A recording of the meeting will be made available for students who are unable to attend. **PLEASE communicate with Mr. Batson if you are unable to attend!** Assignments, both recording and otherwise, will be submitted through the **Google Classroom** learning management system. As many of the students in Symphonic Band have goals of entering the teaching profession, Google applications have become standard in school districts all across the country. This experience within the Google Suite will be valuable in many ways in your future endeavors. It is free, and requires no extra equipment other than a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

**Google Classroom Code: bxyajwp**

**Microsoft Teams Login Information: UPDATED 8/22/20**

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MmNmZTU1Y2UtZjcxYy00ZmJlLTkzZGMtZTg0M2Y1Y2Q0OGJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2273485353-c20f-4242-98b7-30edf6b8e7ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2262d5861a-71c0-4ad6-8d6a-a9abf39c54b7%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmNmZTU1Y2UtZjcxYy00ZmJlLTkzZGMtZTg0M2Y1Y2Q0OGJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2273485353-c20f-4242-98b7-30edf6b8e7ec%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2262d5861a-71c0-4ad6-8d6a-a9abf39c54b7%22%7d)

**Technology Requirements**

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. **We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.**

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

**Canvas Support**

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

**Online Proctored Testing**

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

**Other Technology Support**

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: [helpdesk@tamu.edu](mailto:helpdesk@tamu.edu)

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

*Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.*

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**UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES**

**Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

### **Academic Integrity**

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, working with others in an unauthorized manner, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](#),

[<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html>].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](#),

[[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=0](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0)].

### **Academic Accommodations**

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](#) Canvas page (log-in required)

[<https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717>]

### **Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) online, please visit the website [<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf>].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

### **Tutoring**

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors will return at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111 in the Fall 2020. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing [studentsuccess@tamuct.edu](mailto:studentsuccess@tamuct.edu) .

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

### **University Writing Center**

The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Fall 2020 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours online Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The UWC is also offering hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by making an appointment via [WCOonline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

### **University Library**

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

**For Fall 2020, all reference service will be conducted virtually. Please go to our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index] to access our virtual reference help and our current hours.**



## OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

### A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html>].

### Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [[https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout\\_id=2](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2)].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html>]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

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