

MUSI-4105-110-Beginning Conducting

Fall 2023

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

August 28 – December 15

T, TH 11:00am – 11:50 am

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Office Hours

By appointment

Student-instructor interaction

I will respond within 24 hours or sooner to emails during the week

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 \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#) [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.

For updates on COVID information, please monitor the University [website](#)[Links to an external site.](#) [https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/]

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description

This class is an introduction to basic conducting skills with an emphasis on the art and study of conducting, baton technique, left hand technique, non-verbal communication, leadership, conducting terminology, transpositions and score reading

Course Objective

Student Learning Outcomes

The student will:

- Demonstrate basic proficiency in conducting baroque, classical, romantic, and 20th century music
- Describe cultural elements from diverse historical periods of both Western/non-Western music
- Prepare a score
- Demonstrate the ability to read, analyze, and identify an instrumental and choral score
- Demonstrate the technique of right- and left-hand independence while conducting
- Develop the ability to hear, interpret and analyze various choral parts and rhythms simultaneously, noting error detection in ensemble parts.
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic rehearsal direction and technique.

Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)

Standard I. The music teacher has a comprehensive visual and aural knowledge of musical perception and performance.

Standard III. The music teacher has a comprehensive knowledge of music notation.

Standard V. The music teacher has a comprehensive knowledge of music history and the relationship of music to history, society, and culture.

Standard VI. The music teacher applies a comprehensive knowledge of music to evaluate musical compositions, performances, and experiences.

Standard VII. The music teacher understands how to plan and implement effective music instruction and provides students with learning experiences that enhance their musical knowledge, skills, and appreciation.

Required Reading and Textbook(s) Equipment

The Art of Conducting, Second Edition by Donald Hunsberger and Roy E. Ernst ISBN 0-07-031326-1

Instrumental and Choral Scores as designated by the instructor

Baton – available for purchase from Music & Arts in Belton or Harker Heights or online. Specifications forthcoming

Mirror – full length if possible

Video recording.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements:

Conducting Drills 30%

Quizzes 10%

personal evaluations, critiques, discussion board and class participation 20%

Score Analysis and Planning 20%

Ensemble assignment 10%

Final Exam. 10%

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

A = 90 –100 represents exceptional demonstration of deep, coherent, unified understandings

B = 80 – 89.9 represents proficient overall understanding

C = 70 – 79.9 represents acceptable understanding in most areas of theory and practice

D = 60 – 69.9 represents developing understanding with some critical deficiencies

F = 59.9 < represents unsatisfactory understanding with significant deficiencies remaining

Posting of Grades

- Every effort will be made to post grades in a timely fashion after completion of tasks and assignments.
- Final grades will be posted to Canvas after completion of course requirements.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

Week 1 - 2 – Course overview – Chapter 1

- Posture
- Preparatory gestures and downbeats
- Releases
- Four and three-beat patterns
- Style of articulation
- Drill and assessment of exercises

Week 3 - 4 – Chapter 2

- Two-beat patterns
- Dynamics
- Ambidextrous Conducting
- Communicating the ictus visually
- Alternative pattern styles
- Drill and assessment of exercises

Week 5 – 6 – Chapter 3

- Using the baton
- One-beat patterns
- The left hand
- Additional releases
- Drill, written quiz, designated listener, observer, conductor

Week 7 - 8 – Chapter 4

- Entrances on beats 2, 3, and 4
- Cues

- Endings
- Drill and assessment of exercises. Cue procedure quiz
- Evaluation form

Week 9 - 10 – Chapter 5

- Score study
- Clefs and transpositions
- Sample Scores
- Useful Terminology
- Rehearsals
- Drill and assessment of exercises. Written and performance assignments.

Week 11 - 12 – Chapter 6

- Subdivision of beats
- Entrances on incomplete beats
- Drill and assessment of exercises

Week 13 - 14– Chapter 7

- Dynamic accents
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Important University Dates

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

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

This course will also require you to record yourself conducting and upload it to Youtube.

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.

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

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

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

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy

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If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#) 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. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. 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 \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#), [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](#), [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 \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines \(Links to an external site.\)Links to an external site.](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. 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.

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

University Writing Center: Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University-Central Texas (A&M-Central Texas) is a free service open to all A&M-Central Texas students. For the Fall 2021 semester, the hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday in Warrior Hall 416 (with online tutoring available every hour as well) with satellite hours available online only Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. 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. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. 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 WOnline at <https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor by making an appointment via WOnline at <https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

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 400,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 96,000 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 virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams 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 \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#)

[<http://tamuct.libguides.com/index>].

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 Wellness and 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 \(Links to an external site.\)](https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html)[Links to an external site.](#) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html> ([Links to an external site.](#))[Links to an external site.](#)].

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 \(Links to an external site.\)](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2)[Links to an external site.](#) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team \(Links to an external site.\)](https://www.tamuct.edu/bit)[Links to an external site.](#) website for more information [<https://www.tamuct.edu/bit>]. 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.

OTHER POLICIES

**** Course Syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.**

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