



## College of Arts and Sciences

**MUEN 3123-110, 80368, Orchestra**

**Fall 2023**

**Texas A&M University-Central Texas**

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

8/28/2023 - 12/15/2023

This course meets face-to-face (Mondays at 7:00-9:00 p.m. in CRH 3532 at Temple College), with supplemental materials made available online through the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>].

### **INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **Office Hours**

[Click here to see Dr. Corbett's Fall 2023 Schedule](#)

### **Student-instructor interaction**

I check and reply to emails frequently, so please use email to contact me.

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

**SAFEZONE.** SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the [SafeZone](http://www.safezoneapp.com) website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
  - [iPhone/iPad](https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756): [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]
  - [Android/Tablet](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp): [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp]
1. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g. {name}@tamuct.edu)
2. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

## **COURSE INFORMATION**

### **Course Overview and Description**

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

### **Course Objective or Goal**

The goal of the Orchestra is to provide each member with training and experience in ensemble playing. We will achieve this through diligent preparation and commitment during rehearsals. Our work will culminate in concert performances that are scheduled throughout the academic year. The Student Learning Outcomes include:

- Knowledge of preparation and performance of appropriate standard repertoire
- Knowledge of appropriate standard literature
- Develop collaborative skills

### **Materials**

Players will need to bring their instrument and folders/parts to every rehearsal and concert. In addition, each player must bring a **pencil** to make markings in their music during rehearsals. Parts will be available prior to the first rehearsal of each concert cycle. The conductor will notify players via email about where and when they may retrieve their parts. **It is imperative that everyone turn in their folders/parts backstage immediately following each concert.**

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Auditions**

All registered students will need to perform an audition in front of the conductor prior to playing in the ensemble. The conductor will provide instructions to sign up for an audition time in an email prior to the start of the semester. He will also provide the orchestral excerpt indicated in the third component of the audition requirements, which are listed here:

1. 2- or 3-octave scale of your choice, ascending and descending
2. 2-3 minute solo piece that represents your highest level of playing
3. Orchestral excerpt (provided by the conductor in advance of the audition)

### **Practice**

Players are expected to come to rehearsal prepared. You must learn your parts individually so we can use rehearsal time to address musical and artistic items. We do not want to spend precious rehearsal time learning notes. If even one person doesn't know their part, it is detrimental to the artistic progress of the entire ensemble.

Individual practice time is different for different people. For some, 30 minutes per day is adequate. Others may need 60 minutes per day. **You** are responsible for determining the amount of practice time needed to learn your music. If you have questions about practice time or techniques, please contact the conductor to ask.

### **Repertoire Recordings**

The conductor will make available recordings of the concert repertoire. **Listen to these recordings frequently.** Knowing the overall sound of a piece of orchestral music makes rehearsals run much more smoothly. Put the recordings on your portable music device so you may play them as you walk from class to class.

### **Concert Attire**

Players are required to wear black dress clothes for concerts (including black dress socks and black dress shoes). Players may wear a white undershirt so long as they wear a black dress jacket over it. Black tuxedos with black bow ties are fine. All skirts should be knee-length or longer. Jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sneakers, and other casual items are not allowed.

### **Attendance**

The Orchestra prepares challenging repertoire with only one rehearsal per week. Therefore, it is essential that all players attend rehearsals faithfully. Rehearsals are not optional and must be treated as class periods. When you are absent, your part is also absent, which confuses other players and makes it very difficult to rehearse effectively. So, for the sake of the entire ensemble, be sure to attend rehearsals regularly and punctually. Being "on time" to a rehearsal means arriving 5-10 minutes before the rehearsal start time. This is because players need time to unpack, tune, and warm up. Players must be **in their seats and ready to tune by 7:00 p.m.** on Mondays.

If a student absolutely must miss a rehearsal, there needs to be a valid excuse. An illness or a family emergency are examples of valid excuses. Homework, study groups, or work meetings are not valid excuses. **Students must email the conductor at least 2 hours in advance of the rehearsal for an absence to be considered excused.** This rule exists as a courtesy to your fellow orchestra members, as the format of each rehearsal will invariably change with each person's absence. Thus, the conductor must have time to revise the rehearsal schedule so that the rehearsal operates as smoothly as possible for the entire orchestra.

Unexcused absences will lower the final grade according to the grading system below (see "GRADING").

### **Posting of Grades**

Grades will be posted on Canvas.

### **Grading Policies**

A-F. Final grades will be based on the following:

- 70% for attendance (participate in all rehearsals/concerts)
  - One unexcused absence will lower the final grade to a B.
  - Two unexcused absences will lower the final grade to a C.
  - Three unexcused absences will lower the final grade to an F.
- 30% for preparedness (show the conductor that you know the notes by practicing individually outside of class)

Letter grades will be determined as follows:

A	90 - 100%
B	80 - 89%
C	70 - 79%
D	65 - 69%
F	0 - 64%

## **COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**

### **Complete Course Calendar**

Regular rehearsals (7:00-9:00 p.m. in CRH):

-August 21, 28

-September 11, 18, 25

-October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

-November 6

Dress rehearsal (7:00-9:00 p.m. on PAC Main Stage)

-November 13

Concert (7:30 p.m. on PAC Main Stage, Call: 6:30 p.m.)

-November 14

### **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. 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>

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

## **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. 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](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html),  
[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 Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity 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](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) 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/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](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, both virtually and in-person. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question, are interested in becoming a tutor, or in need of success coaching contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, visit the Warrior Center at 212 Warrior Hall, or by emailing [WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu](mailto:WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu).

To schedule tutoring sessions and view tutor availability, please visit [Tutor Matching Services](https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT) [https://tutormatchingservice.com/TAMUCT] or visit the Tutoring Center in 111 Warrior Hall.

Chat live with a remote 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 Spring 2022 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](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, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor by making an appointment via [WOnline](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, 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. [Schedule an appointment here](https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments/?g=6956) [https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments/?g=6956]. 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].

## **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](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](#) 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](#) 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 254-501-5805.