

McLENNAN COLLEGE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS FALL 2022

All **Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion** musicians must take part in a blind audition.
Please check mclennan.edu/bands for audition schedules.

Placement in the McLennan Wind Ensemble is competitive – prepare accordingly.

Everyone who auditions will be placed into either:

MUEN 1121 Section 01 Wind Ensemble M/W/Th 1:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

or

MUEN 1122 Section 05 Concert Band Friday 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE OPEN FOR BOTH TIMES TO AVOID CONFLICTS.

TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AUDITION:

- 1) **DOWNLOAD AND PREPARE EXCERPTS** on the Ensemble Auditions webpage.
- 2) **SIGN UP TO AUDITION** on the Ensemble Auditions webpage.
- 3) **FILL OUT THE ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL FORM** on the Ensemble Auditions webpage.

McLennan College Band Audition FAQs

1. What bands are available for McLennan students?

The McLennan Bands comprise of three concert bands, marching band, pep band, and jazz band. The **Wind Ensemble** is the premiere wind band and is complimented by the **Waco Community Band** and **Concert Band**. All wind bands comprise of woodwind, brass, percussion, keyboard, and string instruments. **Jazz Band, Pep Band (Blue Crew), Waco Community Band** and **Concert Band** do not fulfill the requirement for a major ensemble for music majors. McLennan students enrolled in either Wind Ensemble or Concert Band may audition for the Baylor Marching Band.

2. Are music majors required to be in a concert ensemble?

According to the Department of Music, **every woodwind/brass/percussion music major** who is taking lessons must perform in a primary ensemble (Wind Ensemble or Concert Band).

3. Why do we audition at the beginning of each semester?

All students are required to **audition for his/her/their band assignment**. The Wind Ensemble is highly selective and has a set instrumentation. The Concert Band is not limited and can be augmented by students from any major. The audition determines an appropriate assignment and maximizes the student's educational experience.

4. What if I have class at 9:30 Fridays, but I am assigned to Concert Band?

As with EVERY major college and/or university, music majors must adjust their schedules to accommodate their ensemble assignments after auditions occur. If you are assigned to Concert Band, you must attend at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays; the same applies to those assigned to Wind Ensemble, M/W/Th from 1:00 – 2:55 p.m.

5. May I choose to sign up for the concert band of my preference?

No. Again, this is a standard policy across the country at the collegiate level and is based on your audition.

6. Are the audition parts available? What should I do if the audition materials seem difficult?

Yes. The excerpts can be found online at: mclennan.edu/bands (click on the "Ensemble Auditions" link). Practice them SLOWLY with a metronome the best you possibly can. Only speed up the metronome when you are almost perfect with the musical line. Maximize all shaping and dynamic possibilities. The excerpts represent the level of music in the Wind Ensemble, which may seem difficult for some. Do the best you can – it is important that the faculty are able to determine your placement appropriately.

7. I am a sophomore. Does that mean that I will automatically be placed in the Wind Ensemble (Or, I am a freshman. Does that mean that I will automatically be placed in the Concert Band)?

No limitations or guarantees are made based upon your classification in school. Assignments are made based upon your **playing skills** as demonstrated in the audition.

8. When are the auditions?

August 15, BPAC 145

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Brass

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Woodwind

August 16, BPAC 145

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Percussion

9. Do the concert ensembles have responsibilities outside of class?

Yes. The Wind Ensemble represents McLennan College both on and off campus. As a result, there are occasional off-campus performances and sectionals outside of class. This is common for all university and college wind ensembles, and all students are expected to fully engage in all rehearsals and performances.

10. Finally, some tips before your audition:

- Arrive extra early to ensure you are warmed-up
- Dress in professional attire
- Have your instrument ready and make sure it is working properly
- Bring your own copies of the required audition music
- Auditions will be blind, do not speak during your audition
- Perform expressively – do not be satisfied with correct notes and rhythms
- Stay focused and calm. If you make mistakes, stay positive and avoid frustration - Do not make excuses

GOOD LUCK!

Clarinet Packet

Mendelssohn Midsummer Night's Dream

Scherzo: Beg. - [B]

Scherzo.
Allegro vivace.

Nº 1.

p

dim.

cresc.

tr

B

Adagio cantabile

17.

dolce

cresc.

f

p

cresc.

f

mf

dim.

p

f

p

poco f

rit.

large

Clarinet Packet

4. "THE BRISK YOUNG SAILOR" (who returned to wed his True Love)

♩ = 96 - 104
Sprightly

The musical score is written for a single clarinet in treble clef, 2/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The tempo is marked '♩ = 96 - 104' and the mood is 'Sprightly'. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score includes various dynamics: *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning, *mp* (short) at measure 9, *mp* (short, detached) at measure 17, *mf* (mezzo-forte) at measure 25, and *ff* (fortissimo) at the end. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. There are several fingerings indicated by numbers 3, 6, and 7. A box with the number 9 is placed above the staff at measure 9, and a box with the number 17 is placed above the staff at measure 17. A box with the number 25 is placed above the staff at measure 25. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Symphony No. 3 in F, Opus 90 – 2nd movement (Brahms)

Andante

The musical score is written for a single clarinet in treble clef, 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The tempo is marked 'Andante'. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The music is marked *p* (piano) and *espress. semplice* (expressive, simple). The score features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. There are several fingerings indicated by numbers 3, 6, and 7. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.