

CLASS PIANO II

COURSE: MUS 1201
FALL SEMESTER 2009
CLASSROOM: MUS 140
MEETING TIME: MW, 8:00am-8:50
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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

E.L. Lancaster and Kenon D. Renfrow, *Alfred's Group Piano for Adults*, Vol. I, 2nd ed. (Van Nuys, CA: Alfred Publishing Company, 2004).

OBJECTIVE: To foster the development of functional keyboard skills basic to solid musicianship. In accordance with the Department of Music piano proficiency requirements to successfully complete the course† students must learn all of the major and harmonic minor scales (two octaves, hands together with correct fingering), master a chord progression, harmonize and transpose a given melody and further develop repertoire and sight reading abilities. Successful completion of the Piano Proficiency Examination at the end of the course is a requirement for music majors.

PREPARATION: To successfully play the piano, amongst the most difficult of all instruments, requires a highly developed set of skills: motor, psychological and emotional. Students must practice the instrument a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per day to meet the minimum demands of the course. In most cases, more time will be necessary. Practice facilities are available in Haggar Hall.

EXAMINATIONS: Seven (7) examinations will be given on a bi-weekly basis during the course of the semester. The piano proficiency examination will be given to music majors only during the final week of class.

ATTENDANCE: Students should be seated and prepared when class begins and remain until class is dismissed. Students who enter class after the door has been shut, depart before the class has been dismissed, leave and return during the class, or use a portable electronic device (see below) during class, will only receive partial attendance credit for the class meeting. Two partial attendance credits create one full absence. More than six (6) full absences accrued during the semester will result in an automatic failing grade for the course. *N.B.* There are *no* excused absences: each student should monitor his or her own attendance carefully and make allowance for special events and/or unanticipated emergencies that might create an absence. Please do not contact the professor through any means concerning any absence (either before or after).

PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES, FOOD, BEVERAGES AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS: All portable electronic devices (cellular phones, pagers, personal digital assistants, hand held gaming devices, etc.) must be turned off and placed out of sight. Please provide the Department of Music office phone number (580) 581-2440 to anyone for emergency purposes. (*N.B.* Personal laptop computers may be used in class for the sole purpose of taking notes.) Please do not bring any food or beverages to class except for bottled water with a cap.

FINAL GRADE: The final grade is based upon the total accumulation of points during the semester (out of a possible course total of 1,000).

REQUIREMENT	POSSIBLE POINTS	TOTAL
Examinations (7)	100	700
Preparation	300	300
COURSE TOTAL		1,000

TOTAL POINTS	FINAL GRADE
900-1000	A
800-899	B
700-799	C
600-699	D
599 or below	F

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†Failure to successfully complete the Piano Proficiency Examination at the conclusion of the course will result in an automatic failing grade for the course (not applicable to non-music majors).