

PIANO CLASS

Course Outline

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Planning Time: A-day 8:50-10:10 B-day 8:50-10:10

I. Course Goals:

1. The student will develop an understanding of basic piano technique.
2. The student will develop an understanding of the fundamentals of music reading and theory as it applies to the piano.
3. The student will be able to play any of the compositions assigned in the course of study.
4. The student will be exposed to and perform a wide variety of musical styles leading to the development of musical taste, discernment, and discrimination.

II. Skills for success:

1. The student will demonstrate technical skills used in piano performance by playing required compositions.
2. The student will demonstrate an understanding of music fundamentals, theory, and piano technique by passing written assignments and quizzes drawn from the classroom text.

III. Outline:

1. Keyboard I - Beginner
Text – The Older Beginner Piano Course: Level I by James Bastian
Musicianship for the Older Beginner: Level I by James Bastian
Units 1-6 plus supplementary material
2. Keyboard II – Advanced Beginner
Text – The Older Beginner Piano Course: Level I by James Bastian
Musicianship for the Older Beginner: Level I by James Bastian
Units 7-10 plus supplementary material
3. Keyboard III – Intermediate
Text – The Older Beginner Piano Course: Level II by James Bastian
Musicianship for the Older Beginner: Level II by James Bastian
Units 1-6 plus supplementary material
4. Keyboard IV – Advanced
Text – The Older Beginner Piano Course: Level II by James Bastian
Musicianship for the Older Beginner: Level II by James Bastian
Units 7-10 plus supplementary material

IV. Materials Needed:

1. Pianos, both acoustic and electric are provided by the Music Department.
2. Textbooks are provided for classroom use.
3. The student is expected to provide a folder in which to keep playing assignment sheets, recital sheets, and theory assignments for study purposes.
4. While headsets are provided, it is permissible for students to bring in their own.

V. Grading Policy:

1. Students are evaluated in several ways:

A. Daily participation and effort	D. Quizzes and tests
B. Playing assignments	E. Biweekly classroom recitals (Fridays)
C. Theory assignments	F. Final exam

2. Marking period grades will determined as follows:

Daily playing assignments and recitals	75%
Classwork (theory)	15%
Quizzes and Tests	10%

3. A point system is used to determine the grade:

A= 90 to 100	D= 60 to 69
B= 80-89	E= 59 or less
C= 70 to 79	

VI. Homework Policy:

Generally, all required playing may be completed during regular class time. Practice time at home on the student's own piano will be beneficial but is not required to pass the course. It is assumed that the student will spend time outside the classroom preparing for quizzes and tests.

VII.

1. Due to the nature of the course, the class is taught with individualized instruction with some basic fundamentals and theory being taught as a group. Therefore, the student determines his/her own rate of progress and therefore his/her grade. Self discipline will be stressed so that the students and fellow classmates can accomplish the course requirements.

2. Students are assigned guitars. Each student is financially responsible for any damage that he/she intentionally causes to the instrument or textbook.

3. A progress sheet showing each student requirements and current status will be kept in his/her folder.

4. The student is expected to be on time to all classes and in their assigned seat prior to the bell ringing to begin class.

5. It is expected that students will behave in a respectful manner at all times.

6. Practice with proper posture and technique.

7. No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.

Piano Course -

Student's name (please print) _____

Parents names (please print) _____

Address _____

Home phone number _____

Mother's work phone _____

Father's work phone _____

Parent's E-mail address _____

I have read the Piano Class course description and understand the requirements for my child to have a successful semester in Piano Class.

Parent Signature

Date

I have read the Piano Class course description and understand the requirements to have a successful semester in Piano Class.

Student Signature

Date