



MUSC 1050

Division: Fine Arts

Department: Music

Course: MUSC 1050

Title: Group Piano I for Non-Majors

Catalog Description:

This is a course for non-music majors who desire to learn to play the piano. Students will learn to read basic music notation and to play simple pieces of music at the piano.

General Education Requirements: N/A

Semesters Offered: Fall, Spring

Credit/Time Requirement: Credit: 1; Lecture: 0; Lab: 0

Clock/Hour Requirements: 2

Offered for Non-Credit: No

Justification:

Many students would like to learn to play a musical instrument. This course offers students the chance to learn to play the piano. The course is designed for adult beginning piano students and will teach them the basics of music notation and elementary keyboard skills.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. read basic notation in both treble and bass clefs.
2. perform simple piano pieces.
3. understand basic music theory such as key signatures, meters, scales, and chords.
4. Students will learn to improvise melodies.

Content:

Reading music notation

Understanding meter and rhythmic notation

Piano technique-hand position, pedaling, fingering, articulation

Simple improvisation

General Education Outcomes:

Key Performance Indicators:

- Presentation: Students will perform simple piano pieces in recital from memory;
- Quizzes: Students will have regular in class playing quizzes;
- Tests: Students will take a written examination on key terms and theoretical materials.

Representative Text and/or Supplies:

Class Piano Workbook (non-major version) by Marcie Smith. Bastien, Easy Piano Classics.

Optimum Class Size: 10

Maximum Class Size: 15

Signatures:

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