

CLASS PIANO I (Functional Skills)

Music 141-001 and Music 141-002

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REQUIRED TEXT: Group Piano for Adults, Book 1, Second Edition. E. L. Lancaster and Kenon D. Renfrow. Alfred Publishing Company.

COURSE GOALS: To develop functional piano skills by developing the necessary eye skills, mental thought processes, and muscular responses of the hands at the keyboard. To provide a basis of musicianship and piano skills for future growth and enjoyment. Topic areas include sight-reading, harmonization, transposition, technique, and accompanying. This course is for non-keyboard music majors and provides partial preparation for the piano proficiency exam.

ATTENDANCE: Regular attendance is a vital key to consistent progress and development in this course. Every absence beyond three will lower your grade up to one full letter. (Please notify the instructor if a medical condition exists which will affect regular attendance.) Tardiness and/or early departure from class will negatively impact grades. Notify your instructor in advance by phone or e-mail if you must miss a class. For regular weekly quizzes, a make up quiz may be scheduled only if the instructor is notified in advance of the absence due to illness or a university-related function.

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments will be made at the end of each class. It is your responsibility to obtain the information and assignment that was presented during an absence.

METHODS OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS: Achieving success in this course will require a time commitment outside of class that averages six hours per week. It is vital that you prepare class assignments and actively participate in class activities and review. Practice rooms are available in the Cultural Arts Building.

GRADING	Quizzes	45%
	Daily Preparation	30%
	Final Exam	25%

OBJECTIVES: MUS 141, Class Piano I will strengthen the students' functional piano skills and help prepare for the piano proficiency exam. Students will:

Demonstrate piano skills using standard five-finger patterns within literature in all major and minor keys.

Demonstrate piano skills in transposition and accompanying.

Harmonize a melody with given lead line or chord symbols.

Demonstrate piano technique through performing two octave, hands together, major scales and arpeggios in six keys.

Perform beginning level piano literature with appropriate musical articulation and interpretation.

TECHNOLOGY: Class participation requires the use of the digital keyboard and headsets during class. Cell phone use will not be tolerated in this class. Turn off your cell phones prior to class. Laptops may not be used in this class since the focus of class involves using the technology of the digital keyboard.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: All members of UNCW's community are expected to follow the academic Honor Code. Please read the UNCW Honor Code carefully (as covered in the UNCW Student Handbook). Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated in this class. Please be especially familiar with UNCW's position on plagiarism as outlined in the UNCW Student Handbook. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which you take someone else's ideas and represent them as your own.

CAMPUS RESPECT COMPACT: UNCW has recently instituted a Respect Compact to affirm our commitment to a civil community, characterized by mutual respect. That Compact may be accessed at:

HYPERLINK <http://www.uncw.edu/stuaff/pdc/documents/SeahawkRespectCompact.pdf>.

Further information about the Respect Compact is available from the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students with diagnosed disabilities should contact the office of Disability Services (962-7555). Please give me a copy of the letter you receive from Office of Disability Services detailing class accommodations you may need. If you require accommodation for test taking please make sure I have the referral letter no less than three days before the test.

STATEMENT REGARDING VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT: UNCW practices a zero tolerance policy for any kind of violent or harassing behavior. If you are experiencing an emergency of this type contact the police at 911 or UNCW CARE at 962-2273. Resources for individuals concerned with a violent or harassing situation can be located at <http://www.uncw.edu/wsrc/crisis.html>.