

## **MUSIC 242      CLASS PIANO IV (Functional Skills)**

Class Time: 9:30 - 10:45 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday

Instructor: Dr. Cathy Albergo

Office: CAB 1048 M-F 9 am – 5 pm. Make an appointment with Ms. Faber or stop by the office to see if I am available. Please see me if you need help or do not understand an assignment.

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Text: *Group Piano for Adults* Book 2: Alfred

**Goals:** To develop skills in performance of printed piano music 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. Final preparation for piano proficiency exam.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is a vital key to smooth development and success in this course. 0-2 absences = 5 extra credit points; 3 absences = no grade change; 4-5 absences = grade lowered one full letter; 6-7 absences = grade lowered two full letters. (Please notify the instructor if a medical condition exists which will affect regular attendance.)

**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.

**Practice:** A minimum of 30 - 45 minutes of practice is required six days a week. Practice rooms are available in Cultural Arts Building.

### **Grading:**

1. 60% - Weekly playing quizzes: There will be approximately 10 to 12 weekly playing quizzes. Music majors will be evaluated in the following areas: Repertoire, Technique & Theory exercises, Creative Skills (Improvisation, Harmonization, etc.) and General Musical Knowledge. The final weekly quiz grade will be an average of the grades in these areas.
2. 20% - Sight-reading quizzes

3. 20 % - Final exam – proficiency Exam – Failure to pass this exam will result in a failing grade for the course.

## **Objectives**

This course will strengthen the students' functional piano skills and prepare for the piano proficiency exam by:

1. Improving sight-reading.
2. Reinforcing piano technique through two octave, hands together major scales and arpeggios – all keys.
3. Introducing standard chord progressions.
4. Improvisation and harmonization.
5. Performance of standard piano literature.
6. Work on transposition, score reading and accompanying skills.

## **Technology**

Class participation requires the use of the digital keyboard and headsets to allow for communication and effective practice during class.

Cell phone use will not be allowed in this class. Turn off your cell phones prior to class.

## **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 UNC-W'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 will soon be affixed to the wall of each classroom and can be accessed at:

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

Individuals wanting more information about the respect Compact can contact 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>.