

Music 20 – Beginning Piano Level I

Reedley College –Fall Semester 2011

Syllabus

Course Number – 52209

Meeting Time/Place – Thursday 6:00 – 9:50pm / Forum 10

REMINDER DATES:

Last day to drop: Friday 8/26 (refund), Friday 9/2 (no refund)

School Holidays: (M) 9/5 – Labor Day, (F) 11/11 – Veteran’s Day, (Tr/F) 11/24&25 – Thanksgiving

Last day to withdraw: 10/14 – After 10/14 a letter grade will be assigned.

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Required Materials: *Alfred’s All in One Adult Piano Course/Theory Book*
Check out the RC *Fundamentals of Piano Theory*
Bookstore. Manuscript Paper/Notebook Paper/Folder or Binder
www.mycampushub.com Headphones and 1/8” to 1/4” audio adaptor
or call 638-0334 PENCIL - work done in pen will not be accepted

Course Description: This class is an introduction to proper piano playing technique and basic music theory skills.

Attendance: Regular attendance and punctuality are strongly recommended and will greatly affect your grade. **More than eight combined hours of absence will result in a failing grade.** If a student is tardy, it is the student's responsibility to make sure he or she is marked present (after class). **Any student with marked absences in the first three weeks may be dropped. Students may be dropped at the withdraw date (10/14) at the discretion of the instructor if they have missed a significant number of class or practice hours.**

Grading: Your grade will be determined from a combination of homework, quizzes/midterm, playing tests, a final examination, and a final recital. Completion of all portions of the class is mandatory. The rubric is as follows:

Homework: 20%

Quizzes/Midterm Exam: 20%

Playing Tests: 20%

Final Exam: 20%

Recital: 20% (THURSDAY 12/15, 6:00pm, FORUM 1)

A = 90% and above, B = 80-89.99%, C = 70-79.99%, D = 60-69.99%, F = 59.99% and below

Objectives and Outcomes:

Students will develop basic knowledge of the piano keyboard, including correct posture and hand positioning, note names for all of the black and white keys, half steps and whole steps, and scale patterns.

Students will learn to interpret how basic music notation on the grand staff is applicable to their instrument. This will include written notes, time signatures, key signatures, accidentals, dynamics, and rhythm. Rhythms will include sixteenth, eighth, quarter, half, and whole notes and rests.

Students will demonstrate a practical understanding of music notation by reading and playing notes on the piano, counting out loud, and dictating simple notes and rhythms.

Students will apply their knowledge of the piano keyboard by playing five-finger patterns in all twelve diatonic major keys.

Students will understand and apply the process of transposition of songs to different keys.

Students will come to know the process behind preparing a piece of music for public performance by preparing and memorizing a piece and performing it in recital.

Classroom work will include lecture/demonstration, quizzes (either written or performance based), and group drill at the keyboards. Homework will include assignments from the theory workbooks and class text.

Homework dates are assigned per the course schedule attached to this syllabus. All homework is due the first class meeting following the week it is assigned. Missed quizzes/exams will not be made up unless student has serious and compelling circumstances warranting a make-up test. All scale exercises must be completed to pass this course. The recital is mandatory. Students who miss the recital may receive an Incomplete or failing grade.

The short quizzes will be designed to demonstrate your understanding of the homework assignments. Quizzes will not be open note, however the Midterm and Final Exams will be open note exams. The Final will be a take home test to be returned at the recital. If you would like your final exam back at the end of the semester, provide a self addressed stamped envelope with your completed exam.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact the instructor immediately.

Week	Dates	Material	HW	Quiz	Important!
1	8/15-8/19	Introduction to Course, White Keys, C Position			
2	8/22-8/26	Review Topics, Staff, Clefs, Metronome, Scale Exercise, G Position	Units 2 & 3		8/26 – LAST DAY REFUND
3	8/29-9/2	Note Types, Basic Counting in 4/4, Ode to Joy/Aura Lee	Unit 1	White Keys, Staff, Clefs	9/2 – LAST DAY DROP
4	9/5-9/9	REVIEW			9/5 – LABOR DAY
5	9/12-9/16	Sharps, Flats, and Naturals, Black Keys, D and A Positions	Unit 6	Note Types and Counting	
6	9/19-9/23	Half Steps and Whole Steps, Building Major 5-finger Positions	Unit 7, Unit 8 pages 34 and 35 only!	Sharps, Flats, and Naturals	
7	9/26-9/30	Key Signatures and Time Signatures, G Major Tune, D Major Tune	Unit 10, pages 44-45 only!	Half Steps and Whole Steps, 5- finger positions	
8	10/3-10/7	E, B, F#, C#, Enharmonic, Playlist up to E, B, F#, C# Scale Exercise	Worksheet 1		
9	10/10-10/14	MIDTERM		MIDTERM	10/14 – LAST DAY TO “W”
10	10/17-10/21	F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Intervals	Unit 5		
11	10/24-10/28	Triads, Making Major into minor	Unit 8 pages 36-41 only!	Intervals	
12	10/31-11/4	Tetrachords and Building Major Scales	Unit 9	Triads	
13	11/7-11/11	Signs and Terms	Unit 11		11/11 – VETERAN’S DAY
14	11/14-11/18	Chords, I and V ⁷	Worksheet 2	Signs and Terms	
15	11/21-11/25	REVIEW			11/24-25 – THANKSGIVING
16	11/28-12/2	Transposing on Paper, Practice Recital	Manuscript Assignment	Chords, I and V ⁷	
17	12/5-12/9	Practice Recital, Wrap Up, Sight Reading	Unit 14 (IN CLASS)	TAKE HOME FINAL	
18	12/12-12/16	FINALS WEEK			RECITAL/FINAL DUE THURS. NIGHT