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Description automatically generated**Reedley College, MUS 20**

**Beginning Piano, Level 1**

**Syllabus, Fall 2021**

**Humanities Division**

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| **Class Times, Location:**  Tues/Thurs: 10-10:50am in HUM 62  Lab Time/Practice: Tues/Thurs from 11-12 or arranged. | **Dr. Kirstina Collins, Instructor**  [kirstina.collins@reedleycollege.edu](mailto:kirstina.collins@reedleycollege.edu)  (559) 638-0300 X3437  **Office hours:** Music Building Office  Mondays 2-3pm  Tuesdays 2-3pm  Wednesdays 10-11am  Fridays 12-1pm  (Or by appointment)  **Required Materials**  Alfred’s Basic Adult Piano Course Level 1:  Adult All-in-one Course  Fundamentals of Piano Theory by Keith Snell, Martha Ashleigh |

**Welcome**

Welcome to Beginning Piano Class!  This semester you will gain skills in playing the piano, understanding the piano keyboard, learning the basics of how to read and write music, and learning how to play music in different keys.  This will give you a great foundation to build on in further semesters of piano at Reedley College.

Attendance and Participation is "KEY"!  For every hour of class, you will need to spend one hour of practice to meet your full potential in the course.  These practice (lab) hours are required.

**Course Content**

**Course Description:**

This course develops fundamental piano skills including theory, terminology, technique, and beginning level repertoire. It is designed for the general student as well as the classroom teacher. Recommended for all Music Majors.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:*

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| MUS-20 SLO1: Upon completion of this course, students will demonstrate a knowledge of topics in basic  music theory as it applies to the piano | Expected SLO Performance: 70 |
| MUS-20 SLO2: Upon completion of this course, students will demonstrate ability to perform simple piano  pieces while reading music. | Expected SLO Performance: 70 |
| MUS-20 SLO3: Upon completion of this course, students will demonstrate ability to play triads and 5-note  scales in all 12 major keys. |  |

**Objectives:**

*In the process of completing this course, students will:*

1. Analyze the relationship between half-steps and whole-steps and how they apply to scales, sharps. flats, naturals, and transposition on the piano keyboard.
2. Play triads and five-note major scale patterns in all twelve major keys.
3. Develop and use vocabulary specific to music and musical context.
4. Practice strategies for quickly learning music.
5. Identify notes of the Treble Clef and Bass Clef including ledger lines.
6. Develop a repertoire of simple songs.
7. Identify sharps, flats, and natural symbols.
8. Recognize rhythmic symbols and interpret them appropriately.
9. Develop fundamental technical skills for playing passages on piano.
10. Identify the Treble Clef, Bass Clef, and Grand Staff.
11. Develop finger and hand independence as it relates to piano playing.

**Course Expectations, Late Work, Visitors, and Extra Credit**

* Attend all classes. Any absences beyond two will cause a 2-point deduction from your final grade in the class. Contact the instructor in advance if you need to miss class for any reason.
* Make sure you complete all of your practice/lab hours, and acquire a faculty signature to verify them. Your lab hours can be rescheduled or arranged, so just be sure to stay on top of them. Missed hours will cause a deduction in the final grade.
* Be on time to class. Three tardies are equivalent to one absence.
* Complete all assignments. Submit the assignments on time to avoid a buildup of incomplete work, and a deduction in your grade.
* Put the final recital on your calendar, and be sure to attend. Performing in the recital is 30% of your grade
* Check Canvas page and school email regularly to see if there are announcements and to know what assignments are upcoming or due. All assignments for the semester are on the Canvas page.
* Per the SCCCD policy, visitors (including children) are not allowed in classes without prior written consent of the instructor.

**Course Grading and Evaluation**

**Grade Breakdown:**

* Theory Book Work 10%
* Piano Book Song Mastery 20%
* Skills Tests 20%
* Recital 30%
* Final (Cumulative Skills) 20%

**Other Schedule**

CLASS WILL NOT MEET: Monday, September 6th (Labor Day); Thursday, November 11th (Veterans Day); Thursday-Friday November 25-26th (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Full Refund Drop/Add Deadline: Friday, August 20th  
No “W” Drop Deadline: Friday, August 27th

Final Drop Deadline: Friday, October 8th  
If a class is canceled other than these stated dates, there will either be advance notice given by the instructor or an official announcement placed on the classroom door.

**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 as soon as possible.

**Academic Honesty and Disruption**

For detailed information regarding Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism, and Disruption, please see pages 46-47 of the Reedley College Catalogue. From the catalogue: Because cheating, plagiarism, and collusion in dishonest activities erode the integrity of the college, each student is expected to exert and entirely honest effort in all academic endeavors. Academic dishonesty in any form is a very serious offense and will incur serious consequences.

Please turn off and stow all cell phones and other electronic devices during class. Students may be dismissed from class and counted as absent for creating excessive disruptions.

**Advisories:** English 1A or 1AH and Mathematics 3A or 45.

**Continuation:** To continue in the music theory sequence, students need to get a 70 or higher in this class.