

MUSA 1270, Piano Class B for Non Majors

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Course Syllabus, Summer II 2018 (subject to changes)
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Textbook: *Alfred's Piano 101 Book 2* by E L. Lancaster and Kenon D. Renfrow
Hald Leonard *Piano Ensembles Level 2*, edited by Phillip Keveren
Hald Leonard *Piano Ensembles Level 3*, edited by Phillip Keveren

Other materials: manuscript paper (<http://www.blanksheetmusic.net/>)
(http://www.musictheory.net/utilities/html/id96_en.html)

Course description

This course for non-music majors **is the continuation of Piano A**, designed to gain abilities with the basics of music and to develop functional skills such as keyboard orientation, reading skills in treble and bass clef, introduction to harmonization and improvisation, beginning technical skills, and introduction to multi-track recording. All these areas are covers with a great variety of musical selections of all styles including solo and ensemble pieces.

Course Goal:

To provide the students the basic knowledge of keyboard skills and applied harmony to the keyboard.

Course Content / Objective:

The student will be able to:

- develop correct body posture and hand position
- learn to read, recognize, and interpret basic music notation
- earn keyboard topography and different keyboard positions
- learn basic rhythmic values (whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes. Also dotted rhythms)
- play major and minor five-finger patterns
- play primary chord progression in major and minor keys (C, G, F)
- play and recognize all types intervals
- play and improvise in other scales structures: chromatic, whole-tone, and blues,
- perform solo and ensemble repertoire
- **harmonize melodies from a lead sheet**
- **multi-track recording**
- read, improvise, and harmonize melodies using the harmonic structures studied in these chapter.

Attendance

- Attendance is required and will be taken at the beginning of each class meeting.

- Absences: you are allowed to have 1 unexcused absence during the semester. Your grade will be dropped 3% points for every unexcused absence beyond the 3 allowed.
- Each tardy will be considered 1/2 absence
- Excused absences should be, if possible at all, notified to the instructor in advance, and followed by a note from the Music Department's Chair, Dean of the college, or doctor.
- Attendance is required for all examinations and Skill Checks. No make-ups will be given unless the instructor is notified in advance or provided with a note from the Music Department's Chair, Dean of the college, or doctor.

Examinations and grading

Your grade will be based on your class participation and attendance, assignments, skill checks, and examinations calculated as follow:

Tests I, II	70%
Final	30%

Grade scale:

A = 100-90	B = 89-80	C = 78-70	D = 69-60	D = 59-0
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Practice expectations

- A minimum of 30 minutes a day is suggested. There open practice rooms with electronic keyboards throughout the Music Building. Please check Music Building hours of operation.

Others

- **No** food in the classroom.
- **No** cell phones, pagers, palmtops, wireless electronic devices allowed in class. You should turn off all devices before entering the classroom.
- **Please** treat instruments and headphones with care. It is for you benefit that they are in good shape and work properly.

Performance Video Assignments:

Some of the assignments/tests/final will be submitted as video files. Please read careful:

- Create a YouTube account. It is free.
- When recording you must clearly show your **torso, hands, and face** (your profile from the hips up to the tip of your head).
- Before playing, clearly state your name and the title of the piece/s you are playing.
- Record yourself playing the assigned music all in one shot, **no editing**.
- Upload your video to your YouTube account. Set it as 'public' or 'unlisted' and send me the link to your video **before** the due date omacchioni@utep.edu
- In the email subject write your complete name, course, and assignment description as follow:
Example: Oscar Macchioni Piano B Skill Check 1; or Oscar Macchioni Piano B Final; etc. Make sure that Piano B is in the subject.
- **NO** late assignments.
- If any of the above is not observed, you will receive a zero (0).