Syllabus

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SEMESTER: DEPARTMENTAL SYLLABUS
COURSE TITLE: Applied Piano
COURSE NUMBER: MUSC0178
CREDIT HOURS: 1
INSTRUCTOR: DEPARTMENTAL SYLLABUS
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PREREQUISITES: PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS: Please check with the KCKCC bookstore, http://www.kckccbookstore.com/, for the required texts for your particular class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for students who desire private, one-on-one instruction in piano. One credit hour indicates a one-half hour private lesson per week. The course will enable students to gain increased proficiency in the performance of piano literature. Performance in the final recital is mandatory. Refer to 'Special Class Fees' section for current class fee.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, and panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE:
I. Technical piano studies
   A. Chord progressions
   B. Finger exercises
   C. Scales
   D. Arpeggios
II. Integrated theory studies
   A. Notation
   B. Harmony
   C. Rhythm
   D. Melody

III. Piano literature
   A. Classical music at the level appropriate to the skill of the student, with representative composers including Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin, Kabalevsky, Bartok, etc.
   B. Practice
   C. Musical expression

EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES:
A. The student will be able to increase the degree of technical proficiency with which he/she plays the piano.
B. The student will be able to develop an increased understanding of music theory as it relates to the study of the piano.
C. The student will be able to perform examples of piano literature representative of his/her skill level.

COURSE COMPETENCIES: Upon successful completion of this course:

The student will increase the degree of technical proficiency with which he/she plays the piano.
1. The student will be able to play a variety of chord progressions based on his/her understanding of music theory.
2. The student will be able to develop proficiency with finger exercises pertaining to the nature of the piano literature being studied.
3. The student will be able to increase the number and speed of scales he/she can play over the course of the semester’s study.
4. The student will be able to increase the number and speed of arpeggios he/she can play over the course of the semester’s study.

The student will develop an increased understanding of music theory as it relates to the study of the piano.
5. The student will be able to demonstrate a growing understanding of music notation related to the piano literature being studied.
6. The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the harmonic language of the piano literature being studied.
7. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to count rhythms and apply that knowledge to the music being studied.
8. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to understand the concept and to perform melodies expressively.

The student will perform examples of piano music representative of his/her skill level.
9. The student, in conjunction with the instructor, will choose pieces that appeals to him/her and is appropriate for the skill level.
10. The student will practice the music daily over the course of the semester and demonstrate the acquired proficiency through performance.
11. The student will be able to play in a musically expressive manner appropriate to the style period of the literature being studied (Classical, Romantic, etc.)

**ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT OUTCOMES:**
Assessment methods will include a record of attendance at 16 half-hour private lessons with the instructor. At the lessons, the instructor will evaluate preparedness based on the amount of practice carried out by the student through the week. The instructor also will evaluate the student’s application of the instruction received at previous lessons. A portion of the final grade will be based on the performance given at the final recital, which is held at the conclusion of every semester.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**
This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Material included is intended to provide an outline of the course and rules that the instructor will adhere to in evaluating the student’s progress. However, this syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. Questions regarding the syllabus are welcome any time.

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