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Description of Course
Class instruction aimed at non-keyboard music majors to develop functional keyboard skills through sight reading, scales & arpeggios, harmonization, accompanying, transposition, improvisation, and repertoire. One semester hour credit, two hours of instruction per week. Students are expected to practice assigned materials individually that may include exercises, daily routines, ensemble music, and/or solos at least one hour daily, six days per week for a total of six hours of outside preparation each week for fifteen weeks. Students are also expected to perform during the 2-hour final exam time assigned by the university in addition to the fifteen-week semester.

Course Contact Hours & Practice/Study Hours
(1 credit) Class meets twice each week in 50-minute segments for approximately 15 weeks. Students should expect preparation and practice for performance tests for a minimum of 4 hours of work each week outside of classroom hours. Practice on either an acoustic piano or a digital piano with weighted key action should be on a regular basis. All students enrolled in group piano classes have access to practice rooms with pianos located on the second floor (between band hall and choir room) of the Wright Music Building.

Program Learning Outcome
Students will demonstrate functional keyboard proficiency including scales, techniques, basic accompanying, and sight reading.

Students Learning Outcome
At the end of the course, piano students will be able to:
• Play All Major and Harmonic Minor Scales and Arpeggios hands together, two octaves, with correct fingering, and a steady tempo,
• Perform a two-hand piano accompaniment from chord symbols.
• Perform 4-part open choral scores
• Play parts from an orchestra or band score transposed to concert pitch when necessary.
• Play a written out piano accompaniment for an instrumentalist or singer.
• Play solo repertoire similar in difficulty to "Menuet in G Major" A.M. Bach Notebook.

Text and Materials:
Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 2 (2nd edition) by E.L. Lancaster and Kenon Renfrow
(Supplementary CD-ROM is recommended but not required)
Course Requirements:
Students will be required to perform numerous performance quizzes at the piano throughout the semester.

33%  UNIT 1 QUIZZES - Scheduled during weeks 1-5 (see Desire2Learn for dates).
33%  UNIT 2 QUIZZES - Scheduled during weeks 6-10 (see Desire2Learn for dates).
33%  UNIT 3 QUIZZES - Scheduled during weeks 11-Finals Week (see Desire2Learn for dates).

Grading Policy:
Each performance quiz will receive a grade between 0-10. Grades are averaged based on the following scale:

- A = 9.0 and above
- A- = 8.0 - 8.99
- B+ = 7.5 - 7.99
- B = 7.0 - 7.49
- B- = 6.5 - 6.99
- C+ = 6.0 – 6.49
- C = 5.0 - 5.99
- C- = 4.5 - 4.99
- D = 3.0 - 4.49
- F = under 3.0

Instructors reserve the right to add other graded material such as assignments, projects, participation, or practice grades. Any additions will be averaged in with quiz grades.

Attendance Policy:
Attendance to all classes is required.
4 unexcused absences will result in the final grade being lowered one letter.
6 unexcused absences will result in the final grade being lowered two letters.
8 unexcused absences will result in the final grade being lowered three letters.

The instructor will excuse absences at his or her discretion. Proper documentation such as a doctor’s note will be required upon return to class for requests to excuse an absence. All students are expected to arrive to class on time ready with their textbook. Repeated tardiness or coming to class without a textbook may be applied as absences and could lead to failure of the course. As a courtesy, always ask the instructor for permission to leave the classroom. The instructor will usually grant permission, but if it is a regular occurrence, then the instructor may count the time students are out of class as partial or full absences which can affect the final grade.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability-related accommodations, alternate formats, and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices.

ANY STUDENT WHOSE UNIT 3 QUIZ AVERAGE IS A “D” OR “F” WILL BE ASSIGNED THAT GRADE FOR THE COURSE, REGARDLESS OF OTHER GRADES FOR THE SEMESTER.
Academic Integrity (4.1)

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one's self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one's own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one's own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (5.5)

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the coursework because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf
Student Wellness and Well-Being
SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:
The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu

SFA Human Services Counseling Clinic Human Services, Room 202
www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
936.468.1041

The Health and Wellness Hub - “The Hub” (corner of E. College and Raguet St.)
To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Outreach and Support
- Food Pantry
- Wellness Coaching
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education
www.sfasu.edu/thehub
936.468.4008
thehub@sfasu.edu

Crisis Resources:
- Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
- National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741
Unit 1 Quizzes (Weeks 1-5; see Desire2Learn for dates):
1. Accompaniment with a soloist (p. 86 or 382)
2. Playing Group 3 Minor Scales and Arpeggios (pp. 136, 150, 159) hands together, two octaves up and down, with correct fingering, and in tempo with a metronome (at least two notes per beat at MM = 80)
3. String Score Reading (All 3 parts including Alto clef) (p. 244)
4. Sight Reading: (similar to p. 234-235)
5. Solo Repertoire: Minuet in D Minor (p. 208), Gigue (p. 221), Scherzo (p. 230-231), Minuet in A Minor (p. 345)

Unit 2 Quizzes (Weeks 6-10; see Desire2Learn for dates):
1. Playing Group 2 Major and Parallel Minor Scales and Arpeggios (pp. 81, 95, 107, 119) hands together, two octaves up and down, with correct fingering, and in tempo with a metronome (at least two notes per beat at MM = 80)
2. Harmonizing a melody with secondary dominants (similar to examples on p. 201)
3. Choral Score Reading (3 parts) (pp. 218 and 240)
4. Harmonization with two-hand accompaniment (p. 290) while a classmate sings or plays the melody.
5. Sight Reading: (similar to p. 287 and 299)
6. Solo Repertoire: Seascape (p. 261), Fanfare (p. 347), Russian Polka (p. 361), Remember When (p. 368)

Unit 3 Quizzes (Weeks 11-Finals Week; see Desire2Learn for dates):
1. Play ANY Major and Harmonic Minor Scale and Arpeggio, hands together, two octaves, with correct fingering, and in tempo with a metronome (at least two notes per beat at MM = 80) chosen at random without reference to the book
2. Choral Score Reading (Play all parts of SATB – p. 332) OR Instrumental Score Reading (Be prepared to sight read individual parts from a band score similar to pp. 388-389 at the piano. Transposing instruments MUST be played in concert pitch.)
3. Improvisation: ABA form. The A section should come from p. 195 Improvisation in Classical Style. Create a B section improvisation utilizing either the same chord progression or creating a new one.
4. Accompaniment with an instrumental or vocal soloist (Aura Lee p. 49, Heidenroslein p. 169, Ich Grolle Nicht pp. 330-331, or another accompaniment of similar difficulty approved by instructor)
5. Sight Transposition: (similar to p. 341)
6. Solo Repertoire: Bagatelle (p. 288), Menuet in G Major (pp. 306-307), Spinning Song (pp. 358-359), Toccata (pp. 335-337), or other piece approved by instructor)

*Students who miss quizzes by their due dates will be assigned a ZERO for those quizzes. Students may only be allowed to take a makeup quiz at the instructor’s discretion. If the instructor agrees to allow the student to make up a quiz, the student must make up the quiz within a reasonable timeframe (usually within 1 week). Otherwise the zero grade will remain, and the student will not be allowed to make up the quiz later in the semester.