MUAC 1581 - Class Piano 1

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 43392,

Credit hours: 1

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Course Description

1581. Class Piano 1. Intended for and required of all non-keyboard music majors, the first-semester course builds functional skills at the piano. Students develop techniques to perform all major scales and arpeggios, sight reading, triads and inversion, primary chords, harmonization of popular and/or folk tunes, and repertoire with both hands. Coreq.: Major-level applied lessons (1501 or higher) or permission of coordinator. 1 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 1 Second Edition	Lancaster, E.L., & Renfrow, Kenon	0739053019

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
8/31	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment #1 Due 9/4
9/7	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
9/14	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment # 2 Due 9/18
9/21	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
9/28	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment #3 Due 10/2
10/5	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
10/12	Piano Skills Acquisition: Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam
10/19	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
10/26	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment #4 Due 10/30
11/2	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
11/9	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment #5 Due 10/30

11/16	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
11/23	Piano Skills Acquisition	Video Assignment #6 Due 11/24
11/30	Piano Skills Acquisition	Daily practice
12/7	Final Exam	Final Exam

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