OBJECTIVE:
Performing arts and non-music majors at Iowa State University will develop beginning music and piano skills in the areas of technique, music theory applied to the piano, repertoire, sight-reading, harmonization, reading chord lead sheets, and creative activities.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: (available at the University Book Store)
2. *Music First!* by Gary C. White (same book used for theory portion)
3. *Bastien Music Flashcards*
4. Notebook and Manuscript paper
5. Pencils (only write on book and music with a pencil)
6. Metronome (can download a free metronome on-line)

GRADING:
5% PARTICIPATION
30% EXAM 1 Wednesday September 25
30% EXAM 2 Wednesday October 30
35% FINAL EXAM Wednesday December 11 (during Dead Week)

Expect frequent announced and unannounced quizzes. Quiz grades will be averaged together and factored into the current exam period.

PRACTICE:
❖ Daily effective practice is vital in order to be successful in class piano. Students should practice a minimum of 20-30 minutes, 5 days per week.
❖ Practice on an acoustic piano and if necessary on an electronic piano with a full keyboard and weighted keys.
❖ Students may sign up to reserve a practice room in Music Hall beginning Tuesday September 3. See Ms. Sue Henze in the music office.
ATTENDANCE:
✓ Your attendance is expected at all classes. Written documentation for excused absences must be received no later than two class periods following the absence. No documentation will be accepted once finals have begun. If you do miss for an excused reason, contact Professor Bronson as soon as possible.
✓ One unexcused absence will not count against your class piano grade. Each subsequent absence will lower your class piano grade by one grade increment (i.e. A- to B+). 2 tardies equal 1 unexcused absence.
✓ Quizzes and exams will not be made up for an unexcused absence. In the case of an excused absence, it is the student’s responsibility to contact Professor Bronson and make arrangements to make-up missed work.
✓ If you do miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining all class notes, handouts, etc. from your classmates and by consulting Blackboard Learn.

BLACKBOARD LEARN AND E-MAIL:
Classroom assignments, SMART Board files, grades, exam and quiz information, and other important announcements will frequently be posted on Blackboard Learn and/or sent to students’ Iowa State University e-mail address. Students are responsible for checking both locations regularly.

CLASSROOM POLICIES:
✓ No food or drinks are allowed in the piano lab. Bottles with lids may be kept at the side of the room away from the pianos.
✓ Only keep your required materials at your piano. Other materials should be kept away from your piano and out of the aisles.
✓ Cell phones and other electronic devices should only be used during class for recording piano announcements and notes.
✓ If you are ill, please wipe your piano, headset, and bench with a disinfecting wipe at the end of class.
✓ At the end of every class, place headsets on hook underneath piano, turn off piano, and place bench underneath piano.

ACCOMMODATIONS:
If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please make arrangements to meet with Professor Bronson as soon as possible. Please request that a Student Disability Resources staff send a SAAR form verifying your disability and specifying the accommodations you will need. 1076 Student Services Building, 515-294-7220.