IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
MUSIC 105: Basic Musicianship – Class Piano
W 2:10-3:00, Music Hall 034
Spring 2015
Professor Bronson

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
After completing MUS 105, Performing Arts and non-Music Majors will be able to:
❖ Play the piano with proper piano technique.
❖ Apply music theory to the piano by playing scales, chords, and arpeggios.
❖ Display the skills necessary to sight-read, and practice & perform piano repertoire.
❖ Read chord lead sheets to create accompaniments.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: (available at the University Book Store)
1. *Alfred’s Piano 101*, Book 1
2. *Music First!* by Gary C. White
3. *Bastien Music Flashcards*
4. Notebook and Manuscript paper (BlankSheetMusic.net)
5. Pencils
6. Metronome (MetronomeOnline.com)

GRADING:
5% PARTICIPATION Participating in class discussions & staying on task
30% EXAM 1 Wednesday February 11, 2:10-3:00
30% EXAM 2 Wednesday March 25, 2:10-3:00
35% FINAL EXAM Wednesday April 29, 2:10-3:00 (during Dead Week)
❖ All exams will take place in Prof. Bronson’s office, Music Hall 51
❖ Expect 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.
❖ Frequent shorter practice sessions throughout the week are more beneficial than a few large blocks of practice time for your technical and musical development.
❖ 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 January 20. See Ms. Sue Henze in the music office.
PIANO TUTORS:
Several qualified music majors will be available for free weekly piano tutoring within the piano lab. More details will be announced in class.

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 unexcused 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:
Weekly 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.