IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
MUSIC 327A  
Functional Keyboard Skills for Piano Majors  
Tuesday/Thursday 2:10-3:00, MH 34  
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OBJECTIVE: 
Piano majors at Iowa State University will develop functional piano skills and practice techniques in the areas of sight-reading, harmonization, transposition, chord progressions, score reading, improvisation, reading lead sheets, and various creative activities.

REQUIRED MATERIALS: 
2. Notebook  
3. Pencils (only write on book and music with a pencil)

GRADING: 
5% Class Participation  
30% FIVE-WEEK EXAM Week of February 6-10  
30% TEN-WEEK EXAM Week of March 19-23  
35% FINAL EXAM TBA

Expect frequent quizzes and class assignments, which will be averaged together and factored into the appropriate exam.

Any student whose final exam grade is a D or F will be assigned that grade for the course, regardless of other grades for the semester.

PRACTICE: 
Daily effective practice is vital in order to be successful in class piano. A minimum of 30 minutes a day should be scheduled for practice. Practice strategies and techniques will be frequently discussed in class.
ATTENDANCE:
Your attendance is expected at all classes. Written documentation for excused absences (letters of travel from ensemble directors, etc.) 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.
Two unexcused absences will result in the lowering of your final grade by 1 letter (i.e. A- to B+). Four unexcused absences will lower your final grade by 2 letters (i.e. A- to B). Six unexcused absences will result in the failing of this class. 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.

EMAIL AND BLACKBOARD LEARN:
Many instructions and important notices will be sent via email and/or Blackboard Learn. 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 along with your book bag. Please only have your required materials at your piano and keep the aisles clear. No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed at the piano. 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.