

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Department of Music and Theatre  
Applied Piano Lessons

Music 118B/119B/219B/319B/419B [Spring 2024]

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**Course Objectives:**

This class is designed for piano major/non majors students to have essential keyboard skills. After completing the course, student will be able to,

- Possess musical and technical skills
- Utilize pedals
- Display independent fingers
- Recognize directions of the phrase
- Identify different touches
- Provide diverse interpretations in different periods of music
- Memorize all twenty-four major and minor scales, arpeggios in four octaves with cadences
- Memorize and perform at least two contrasting pieces

**Practice:** -A minimum of one hour per day per credit is expected.  
This does not include time spent in lessons

**Attendance in the weekly studio, general recitals and concerts is mandatory**

\*Piano Studio [Tuesday 1:10pm- 2:00pm]

\*General Recital [selected Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:10pm-2:00pm]

\*Concerts

**February 6** Helene Grimaud (Civic Music Association) Piano Recital 7:30pm  
(Hoyt Sherman Place)

**March 3** George Work/ Mei-Hsuan Huang Recital 7:30pm

**March 24** Musical at Dennis Wendell 3:00pm

**April 12** Michelle Cann (Town and Gown) Piano Recital 7:30pm

**April 16** Piano Studio Recital 7:30pm

**April 20** Ames Piano Quartet Recital 7:30pm

**April 21** Lydia Lee Senior Recital 1:30pm

**April 27** Ian Lewis Junior Recital 4:30pm

**May 3** Piano Jury

**Grading:**

- Attendance is IMPORTANT! If you can not come to your lesson, please let your instructor know at least 48 hours in advance. Failure to do so may affect your grade. The instructor will not make up a lesson if the notice is received less than 48 hours.
- Students are expected to show significant progress on your repertoire every week. You will be judged by how much improvement you have made through the semester instead of how well you can play [see \*criteria]
- Attendance at all general recitals, weekly piano studios and mandatory concerts is required
- Piano Jury will be held on **May 3**  
**Memorization** is required. All students will be asked to play a major and minor scale, cadence, and arpeggio besides your choice of the solo piece.

<i>Attendance with Practice.....</i>	<i>50%</i>
<i>Studio and Recital Attendance... </i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Progression .....</i>	<i>20%</i>
<i>Essay.....</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Jury.....</i>	<i>10%</i>

*\*Criteria*

*Rhythm/Tempo: accuracy of the performance of notated rhythms and tempos*

*Dynamics: different colors and layers*

*Technique: clarity of the sound, flexible fingers and joints*

*Musicality: artistic thoughts*

*Interpretation: appropriate style*

*Stage Presence: entrance, exit, posture, bowing, dress*

Reference: Hanon: The Virtuoso Pianist in Sixty Exercises for the Piano (Complete)

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