Class Piano for non-majors  
MUSI 1180 01Z  
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Course Description and Purpose:  
This is a beginning piano class that will cover basic technique and theory skills as applied on the piano. We will cover basic rhythmic and note reading, piano technique and keyboard methods, scales and pentascales, chord playing, ensemble playing, and technical exercises, and improvisation. By the end of the semester the student should have the ability to read and play basic piano music and gain an understanding of pianistic techniques and practice habits.

Assessment: This class will be based on a points system. Each assignment will be worth 10-40 points. The grading scale is:
90% or higher = A  
80% to 89% = B  
70% to 79% = C  
C 60% to 69% = D  
59% or below = F

All assignments are posted on blackboard.

Attendance: Attending this class is crucial for your success. Since grades are based on being able to play the required materials, practice is necessary. Since this is a laboratory styled class, I will give ample time during the meetings for practice. This style helps to give a structure and regularity to your practice. At a minimum, by attending class, you will have basically 2 hours per week of practice. I recommend at least 3 more hours per week of outside practice. After 6 absences, your final grade will be lowered 1 letter grade per. Requests for make-up tests for absenteeism must be accompanied by official documentation in order to be considered for a make-up without penalty. All other late make-up tests will be lowered one letter grade.

Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance: If you need special accommodations due to a disability please contact the Student Life Office in order to arrange it. They are located at the Garden Level, University Center, (325) 942-2191

Religious Holiday Observance: Religious Holiday Observance Policy 1. “Religious Holy Day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20. 2. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. 3. A student who is excused under
section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.

**Academic Honesty:** All ASU students should maintain the highest ethical standards. For more information please consult Academic Honor Code which can be found in the student handbook.

**Etiquette:** Please refrain from using phones to call, text, or surf during class.

**Drop/Withdraw:** The last day to withdraw from this class is November 1, 2018.