Class Piano Non-Major and Level 1-4
MUAP 1180,1181,1181,2181,2182
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Course Description and Purpose:
Non Major piano class 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 a better understanding of pianistic techniques and practice habits.

Level 1-4 are core course requirements for those pursuing the education music degree. The course is designed to fulfill the Texas state piano proficiency requirements. Over the course of 4 semesters students will become proficient in scales, chord progressions, sight reading, harmonization, improvisation, technique, and accompaniment patterns, and repertoire performance.

Assessment:
This class will be based on a points system. 100 points per exam.
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

There will be 4 to 5 playing exams throughout the semester weighted evenly. Please refer to the blackboard content section where all assignments and exams are listed.
Assignments not completed on the due date will receive a 0. Make-ups are available only with written official documentation of extenuating circumstances.

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 10, 2020.

Title IX at Angelo State University:

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance. This is done in order to connect students with resources and options in addressing the allegations reported. As a student, are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator. You may do so by contacting:

Michelle Boone, J.D.

Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

The Office of Title IX Compliance also provides accommodations related to pregnancy (such as communicating with your professors regarding medically necessary absences, modifications required
because of pregnancy, etc.). If you are pregnant and need assistance or accommodations, please contact
the Office of Title IX Compliance utilizing the information above.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Course Syllabus Statement on Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class At
Angelo State University

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the
mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current
research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for
transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the
nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are
required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also
ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also
asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any
student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom
immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work.
Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary
action through the Office of Student Conduct.