MUSI-2040: FUNCTIONAL PIANO I
Fall Semester, 2007

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Time:  MW 3:00  Classroom:  Goodwin 228
Office Hours:  MW 10:00-11:00, T 12:00-1:00 or by appointment

*I will respond to email and phone messages within 24 hours, M-F.

Required Materials:
  Binder for materials handed out in class
  Metronome

Course Objectives for 2040:  Functional Piano is a 2-credit hour course designed to develop a broad range of functional skills at the piano. The instructor will provide practice methods and feedback that you will need to conquer the desired skills. To be successful in this course, you will be expected to execute the following skills:
  • Major and minor scales, arpeggios, and cadences
  • Transposition at sight of a band score (Bb, Eb, and F instruments)
  • Performing simple songs with improvised accompaniment pattern
    o Happy Birthday, America
  • Sight Reading
  • Accompanying a soloist

The purpose in performing these requirements is not to stumble through the material, but to play all the material well.
It is your responsibility to complete the assigned homework before the class hour for which they are to be prepared. Students are expected to bring all class materials to each class. Failure to do so will result in no score for that class session.

Methods to Achieve Course Objectives:
  Regular class attendance.
  Students are expected to practice one hour daily.
  Attentiveness to instructor and wise use of class lab time.

Course Prerequisites:  in order to be accepted into this class you must either have:  a) successfully completed class piano I and II or b) sign up for an audition with Dr. Samolesky and receive permission to take the course.

Attendance:  You are expected to attend all class sessions. Please notify the instructor in advance if you need to be excused from a class due to illness, extreme family emergency, or conflict with official university functions. Excused absences will require a doctor’s excuse, university excuse or official documents related to your absence. Attendance will be taken as an indication of your participation in class and will be used in the overall assessment of your progress.
Policy on make-up tests: tests will be made up only for excused absences as determined in the Tiger Club handbook.

Tentative Schedule:

Sep. 18  PERFORMANCE TEST #1  
- Scales, arpeggios and cadences for C, a, G, e, D, b, A, f#  
- Happy Birthday in two keys of choice  
- Transpose Bb instrument at sight  
- Basic Sight-Reading  

Oct. 16  PERFORMANCE TEST #2  
- Scales, arpeggios and cadences for F, d, Bb, g, Eb, c, Ab, f  
- Happy Birthday in all keys  
- “America” in two keys of choice  
- Transpose Bb and Eb instruments at sight  
- Sight-reading and quick study  

Nov. 14  CLASS PERFORMANCE  
- Play prepared materials for class, possible accompaniments, solo pieces  

Dec. 4  PERFORMANCE TEST #3  
- Scales, arpeggios and cadences for all keys above  
- Happy Birthday and “America” in all keys  
- Transpose Bb, Eb and F instruments at sight  
- Sight-reading and quick study  

Grading:  
- Performance Tests: 3 @ 20%  
- Sep. 19, Oct. 17, Dec. 5  
- Class Performance Nov. 14  
- Attendance, Preparation of Assignments, Quizzes  
- 25%  
- Grading System:  
  - A = 90-100  
  - B = 79-89  
  - C = 68-78  
  - F = 67 and below  

*Students must achieve a grade of “C” or higher in BOTH Functional Piano I and II to avoid taking the Piano Proficiency Exam.

Students may withdraw with no grade assignment until Sep. 6. (with refund)  
Students may withdraw with a W (no grade penalty) until mid-semester (October 8).  

Students needing accommodations should arrange a meeting the first week of class. Come during office hours or email for an alternate time. Bring the Accommodation Memo and Instructor Verification Form to the meeting. Discuss items needed in this class. If you do not have an Accommodation Memo but need special accommodations, make an appointment with The Program for Students with Disabilities, 1244 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT) or email: haynemd@auburn.edu.