

MUA 101, 102, 201, 202, 301, 302, 401, 402, 403, 501, 502 Applied Piano

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Attendance

Students are to attend each lesson scheduled. An unexcused absence from a lesson will affect a student's grade. Excused absences are for documented illnesses or other justifiable conflicts approved by the instructor. At least 24 hour notice is expected if a lesson will be missed. In case of sudden illness, notify the instructor as soon as possible. Messages can be left at the office. Students should arrive on time for each lesson with the appropriate materials.

Evaluation

Grading will depend upon attendance, preparation, performance during lessons and in juries, and improvement. At least three works (or movements) from different style periods should be completed each semester. For one hour of credit, the student should practice at least one hour a day, six days a week. The practice requirement doubles for two hours worth of credit and triples for three hours worth of credit. Practice rooms are located in two locations in the music building.

Grading

In accordance with the University of South Alabama's increased emphasis on student assessment, performance juries at the end of each semester will be graded using a rubric with seven categories: Tone, Voicing, Rhythmic Accuracy, Technique, Articulation, Dynamic Expression, and Interpretation. To help the student prepare for the jury, each lesson will be evaluated with respect to these seven categories. Each lesson, a student will be assigned a number from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest) based upon progress and improvement from the previous lesson. An average of lesson scores and grade on the Jury Exam will together determine the student's grade. Attendance at these events will constitute 10% of the final grade.

STATEMENT REGARDING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students with bona fide disabilities will be afforded reasonable accommodation. If a student has a disability that qualifies him/her for academic accommodations, please notify the instructor and provide certification from the Office of Special Student Services, which is located in the Student Center, Room 270, Phone 460-7212. The Office of Special Student Services will certify a disability and advise faculty members of reasonable accommodations.

STATEMENT REGARDING CHANGES IN COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Since all classes do not progress at the same rate, it may be necessary to modify the above requirements or their timing as circumstances dictate. For example, the number and frequency of exams may be changed, or the number and sequence of assignments. In either of these cases, adequate notification will be given in writing and conform to the spirit of policy statement 6.3.1 of the University of South Alabama Faculty Handbook.