

MUO 124 / MUO 424 / MUO 524 Piano Ensemble

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Course Description

Each student will prepare a piano duet or piano duo in the standard repertoire. Collaboration with another instrumentalist or vocalist will also be required. Piano majors/concentrations must perform both pieces at the Piano Ensemble Recital at 3:00 on Saturday, November 15. MUO 124/424/524 is worth .5 hours of credit at the University of South Alabama.

Attendance

Assignments and duet partners will be given the first week of class. By the fourth week of the semester, each student should be prepared to begin rehearsals with her/his partner. 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.

Grading

In accordance with the University of South Alabama's increased emphasis on student assessment, each lesson will be graded using a rubric with seven categories: Tone, Voicing, Rhythmic Accuracy, Technique, Articulation, Dynamic Expression, and Interpretation. 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 Piano Ensemble Recital will together determine the student's 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.