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MUSI 135A.01: Keyboard Skills I

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Course Description: Keyboard Skills I is intended for non-piano majors to learn basic and functional keyboard skills that are necessary and important for their musical development and understanding. In addition to learning repertoire and technique, other topics will be addressed such as sight-reading, harmonization, improvisation, accompanying, transposition, and other creative activities.

Required Materials:

-Text: Alfred's Group Piano for Adults, Book 1, 2nd edition. Lancaster & Renfrow.

Attendance: Attendance is expected and will be taken regularly. Not showing up to class will be detrimental to your success in the course and your final grade. Learning is very fulfilling, so why not come to class?! There are no good excuses... except for emergencies and contagious sickness!

Practice: Daily practice is KEY to your success and is required! Cramming before class will not do you any good, for your hands need plenty of time and frequent practice to develop muscle memory at the keyboard. There is no way to "magically" become wonderful at the piano. It takes much work and dedication. You can do it! Make sure to write down all assignments and practice them thoroughly before showing up to the next class.

Grading: Grades are determined by your performance on playing examinations and weekly in-class quizzes.

- 25% WEEK FOUR EXAM—Scheduled during the fourth week of class**
25% WEEK NINE EXAM—Scheduled during the ninth week of class
25% FINAL EXAM
25% DAILY WORK, CONCERT ATTENDANCE AND WEEKLY IN-CLASS QUIZZES
(In-class quizzes will be given at the beginning of the first class of each week. Be certain you are present, on-time and prepared!)

EXPECTATIONS:

- Come to class!
- Be on time!
- Be prepared by bringing your materials!
- Do your homework!
- Do your work with integrity! No cheating.
- Come with a positive and focused attitude! ☺ Disruptive and negative behavior will not be tolerated.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions! I am not a devilish piano monster! I am here to help and guide you through your understanding of beginning keyboard.
No questions are dumb, so ask away!

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