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Music 115
PIANO IN CLASS
Fall Semester, 2001
Sec 01 Wednesday/Friday 3:10-2:00 PM, Sec 02 Tuesday/Thursday 1:10-2:00PM,
Sec 03 Wednesday/Friday 1:10 – 2:00PM

Instructor: Carla Mar, Graduate Teaching Assistant
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(Office Hours by Appointment)

Text: Group Piano for Adults, BK. 1; (Alfred Music Publishers)

Welcome to Piano in class! This is your opportunity learn to play the comfortably and
musically. In this course you will learn basic technical skills at the keyboard, such has
how to play scales and arpeggios. These skills will enable you to move around the
keyboard comfortably and with facility. You will also learn n to play chord progressions,
to harmonize melodies, to improvise your own melodies, and accompaniments, and out
lay a varied selection of piano repertoire. The following suggestions should help you to
get the most out of the class.

ATTENDANCE: Experience has proven that with the proper approach and consistent
practice, anyone can grasp the skills necessary to function and perform at the keyboard!
Regular class attendance is very important for making stead progress. Each class period,
new concepts will be introduced while the “old” ones are reinforced, so you must make
call attendance a priority. You will be allowed only two unexcused absences, with out
penalty. For each absence thereafter, your final score will be reduced by one full letter
grade.

PRACTICE: Playing the piano, just like your other musical endeavors, is an acquired
skill, which will require a minimum of five practice sessions per week of 30-45 minutes
each. You may reserve a practice room for up to one hour per day by showing your class
schedule to the receptionist in the Music Department office, Room 101. You are strongly
couraged to take advantage of this privilege. Excellent practice produces excellent
results, so please make this a priority.

CLASS WORK AND EXAMINATIONS: Your grade will be partially based on your
completion of daily assignments. Please be sure to write down every assignment and to
practice each one thoroughly. Your work will be checked in class! It is your
responsibility to bring to class each day your textbook, a notebook with staff paper, and a
pencil. Please do not forget these materials! Additionally, there will be two
examinations during the semester and a “final” exam during finals week. Your final
exam will consist of a private “jury” which I will arrange with each of your individually.
You will also be expected to complete a final project (more details later!). Your grade
will be calculated ass follows:
DAILY WORK AND QUIZES = 25%
EXAMINATIONS = 25%
CLASS PARTICIPATION = 20%
FINAL EXAM/JURY = 30%