

Grossmont College, Piano 1, Music 132; Sec #8130  
Rm. 224; MW 1:00-2:15  
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2:15-2:30 – Room 224 (Piano lab)

## SYLLABUS

**Texts:** Bastien: *Piano for Adults, Book 1*;  
Neil A. Kjos Company, Publisher

Ken Ard: *Wow, I Have Ten Fingers* , either edition

**Materials: Headphones with 1/4" adapter are required**

Welcome to piano class. Each class will be devoted to building a basic musical foundation at the piano. Coming to class each session is very important, but **outside practice is essential**; therefore, a large part of each lesson will be devoted to the development of a most expedient practice routine. **Practice rooms are available to all students.**

We will spend much time this semester reading new music, as well as learning to improvise and to play “by ear”, using the music theory concepts that we will explore throughout the semester. Please feel free to talk to me before or after class with any issues you may have.

### Student Learning Outcome:

The student will:

Perform assigned technical exercises
Sight-read assigned material
Perform assigned repertoire

### Student Learning Objectives:

The student will perform the following musical exercises at the piano by the end of the semester:

1. Play required repertoire pieces of appropriate level of complexity
2. Play scales and arpeggios in white-key- root major and minor keys, one octave, hands together
3. Transpose simple melodies and harmonies
4. Harmonize melodies using primary and secondary triads
5. Improvise right-hand melodies over a given harmonic pattern

**Attendance regulations:** Each student will be allowed a total of **four** unexcused absences throughout the semester. After four absences, the student may be dropped from the class without notice. In the case of extended illness or circumstances beyond your control, please contact me ASAP. **It is the student's responsibility to drop all classes in which he/she is no longer attending.**

## **Tests, Performance Evaluations, and Grading.**

### **1. Regular practice evaluation.**

Each student is observed during the first class of each week to determine if the assigned practice and exercises have been completed.

2 points per week – 25%

**2. Performance evaluations:** There will be two major performance and written evaluations during the semester as well as the Final Exam. (See assignment sheet for dates.) – 50%

Performance evaluations will be based on the following factors:

- a. Accuracy of notes
- b. Rhythmic accuracy
- c. Fingering
- d. Expression
- e. Exercises

### **3. Written exams.**

There will be three written tests on the same days as the performance evaluations. – 25%

The final grade will be based on the following formula:

Performance evaluations ----	50% of total grade
Written exams -----	25% of total grade
Weekly class performance----	25% of total grade

**CELL PHONE USE, INCLUDING TEXT MESSAGING, IS NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS. REPEATED DISTURBANCES MAY RESULT IN YOUR BEING DROPPED FROM CLASS.**

**FINAL EXAM TIME: Monday, June 3rd - 1:45-3:45**

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:**

Students with disabilities who may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to notify the instructor and contact Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) early in the semester so that reasonable accommodations may be implemented as soon as possible. Students may contact DSP&S in person at Room 110 or by phone at 619-644-7112 or 619-644-7119 (TTY for deaf).

Cheating and plagiarism (using as one's own ideas writings, materials, or images of someone else without acknowledgement or permission) can result in any one of a variety of sanctions. Such penalties may range from an adjusted grade on the particular exam, paper, project, or assignment (all of which may lead to a failing grade in the course) to, under certain conditions, suspension or expulsion from a class, program or the college. For further clarification and information on these issues, please consult with your instructor or contact the office of the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

### **Weekly assignments:**

1. Jan 28,30 - Ard: Lesson 1-3
2. Feb 4,6: Ard: Lesson 1-4; Bastien, Chapter 1, P. 4-15
3. Feb 11,13– Ard:Lesson 5,6; Bastien, p. 16-26
4. Feb 18, **Holiday**, Feb 20-Ard: Lesson 5,6; Bastien, p. 28-33
5. Feb 25,27 - Ard: Lesson 5-6; Bastien, p. 34-41
6. March 4,6 - Review test material; Bastien, p. 42-47
7. March 11,13 - Lesson 6: Ard; Bastien, p. 48-53
8. **March 18,20- Test, performance evaluation** – Ode To Joy; Beautiful Brown Eyes; Saints; Camptown Races – Scales, arpeggios, chords - C,G,D
9. **March 25,27 Holiday- Spring Break – YAY!!!!!!**
10. April 1,3– Lesson 7: Ard;, Bastien, p. 54-63
- 11 April 8,10 - Lesson 8-9: Ard; Bastien, 64-73
12. April 15,17 – Lesson 10-11: Ard; Bastien, p. 74-94
13. **April 22,24 TEST; PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Waltz for Viola, Love Somebody. P. 67; Scales, arpeggios, chords – A,E,B,F**
14. April 29, May 1 - Lesson 12-13: Ard; Bastien p. 95-110
15. May 6,8– Ard: Lesson 14; Bastien, p. 111-124
16. May 13,15– Ard: Lessons 1-16; Bastien, p. 125-137  
– Review; Bastien p. 1-137
17. May 20,22- Review

**Final Exam: MONDAY, June 3 – 1:45-3:45;**

**Ard: Wow, I Have Ten Fingers, p.70 (transposed to D,E,F,G,A, or B;  
all white-key-root major and harmonic minor scales, arpeggios, chords.**