

COURSE SYLLABUS

MUSP 1113

Intro to Group Piano I

Commercial Music Program

Creative Arts Department

Technical Education Division

Levelland Campus

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

COURSE TITLE: Intro to Group Piano I

South Plains College Improves Each Student's Life.

\*\*\*\*\*

**GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Course Description: Building a foundation of keyboard performance skills concentrating on commercial music performance styles.

**End Of Course Learning Outcomes:** Demonstrate technical skills on keyboard including scales, chords, and temporal accuracy; demonstrate ability to interpret various types of musical notation; and present performance of prepared material.

Academic Integrity: Refer to College Catalog p.23

**SCANS and Foundation Skills:** This course will provide the following SCANS skills: C-1,3,4,5,6,7,9,12,13,14,15,17,18,20; and the following foundation skills: F-1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17. (Note: a complete list of SCANS competencies and foundation skills is located on the reverse side of the title page.)

**VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES:** Successful completion of this course will equip the students with the skills necessary to complete the Capstone Experience presented at the end of the fourth semester of study for degree candidates.

**Capstone Experience:** Students seeking the A.A.A. Degree or Certificate in Commercial Music must satisfactorily complete specific requirements 1] As a performer in a full-length televised public performance (music festival), and 2] by passing all applicable Barrier Exams. These festivals occur twice a year (once at the completion of the fall and spring semesters).

**SPECIFIC COURSE / INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS:**

Students are required to keep a folder of all printed (and/or manuscript) materials received in class. Lesson activities related to the use of these materials may be a part of the course of study.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The student is allowed 3 absences. Each absence after the third will result in the grade being lowered by a letter grade. Excused absences will not count against the Daily Grade.

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the courses syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

**Grading Policy/Procedure and/or methods of evaluation.**

Attendance 20%

Daily Assignments 20%

Folder 10%

Mid-Term Exam 20%

Final Exam 30%

A daily grade based on items 1 and 2 will create an average for the student.

**COURSE OUTLINE:** Students will meet in a group setting twice a week in order to learn and reinforce various skills relating to keyboards and commercial music. Students will use these skills to perform music from traditional notation as well as number charts and chord charts. Students will learn some basic music theory and fundamentals of music, applying these to the keyboard in the form of scales, chords, and rhythmic devices. Students will be expected to execute combinations of harmony, melody, and bass lines, with appropriate hand independence.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

Week 1: Fundamentals of Music

Week 2: Fundamentals of Music

Week 3: Piano Fundamentals

Week 4: Intro to Playground Sessions

Week 5: 5 Finger Position; Staff Notation; Rhythms

Week 6: Grand Staff; Alternating Hands; Both Hands

Week 7: Midterm Exam - Song TBA

Week 8: Dots & Ties; Time Signatures

Week 9: Extended Position; Hand Position Change; Pivots

Week 10: Accidentals; Ledger Lines

Week 11: C Major Scale

Week 12: Key Signatures

Week 13: Triads in C Major; Chord Symbols

Week 14: Review for Final Exam

Week 15: Final Exam - Songs TBA

**CAVEAT:**

The instructor reserves the right to make adjustments or changes to the course details throughout the semester. It is the student's responsibility to learn about the changes if the student misses any class time.

**ACCOMODATIONS:**

South Plains College strives to accommodate the individual needs of all the students in order to enhance their opportunities for success in the context of a comprehensive community college setting. It is the policy of South Plains College to offer all educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability or age (SPC Equal Opportunity Policy—General Catalog).

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529.

**TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT:**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To activate accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Director of Health and Wellness. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact Chris Straface, Director of Health and Wellness at 806-716-2362 or email [cstraface@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:cstraface@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

**CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT:**

Campus Concealed Carry - Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to the SPC policy at:

([http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human\\_resources/policy\\_procedure/hhc.php](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/human_resources/policy_procedure/hhc.php))

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses.

Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1

**FACE COVERING COURSE SYLLABUS STATEMENT –Rev. 1/4/2021**

It is the policy of South Plains College for the Spring 2021 semester that as a condition of on-campus enrollment, all students are required to engage in safe behaviors to avoid the spread of COVID-19 in the SPC community. Such behaviors specifically include the requirement that all students properly wear CDC-compliant face coverings while in SPC buildings including in classrooms, labs, hallways, and restrooms. Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the current class session. If the student refuses to leave the classroom or lab after being dismissed, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students on the Levelland campus or the Dean/Director of external centers for Student Code of Conduct Violation. Students who believe they have been exposed or may be COVID-19 positive, must contact Health Services, DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at (806) 716-2376 or [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).