

Course Syllabus
Odessa College B Fall 2011
MUSI 1181_15, Freshman Class Piano
Tuesday/Thursday 2:00-3:20 p.m.
Modality: Face-to-Face
SCANS 1, 5, 6, 8
Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor

Instructor: L. Gayle Bizzell
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Course Description: Class Piano is a course for all music majors designed to present basic musical knowledge as applied to the keyboard and to develop basic skills related to playing the piano through both class and individual participation. Fundamental keyboard skills will include sightreading, transposition, scales, chords, harmonization, arpeggios, ensemble playing and solo repertoire. Required of all music majors.

Textbook & Accompanying Materials:

Required: Alfred=s Group Piano for Adults, Book 1, 2nd Ed., E.L. Lancaster & Kennon D. Renfrow, Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. 2004.

Required: Scale Skills, Book 4

Required: One : or 2 inch, 3-ring binder. All supplemental materials given to you in class should be put in your piano binder. Bring binder (along with the other 2 required books) to EVERY class.

Course Objectives: To provide the non-pianist fundamental keyboard skills which include sightreading, transposition, scales, chords, harmonization, arpeggios, ensemble playing and performance of solo repertoire.

Course Requirements: Consistent class attendance is extremely important. Consistent practice outside of class as instructed is required. OC provides both electronic and acoustic pianos for "homework" practicing.

Exams: You will be given a weekly grade on assignments given. The Fall semester will cover material taken from Units 1 through 15 of your Group Piano Book. The Final Exam will be a combination grade and will be based on a skills exam and any solo repertoire pieces assigned to you during the semester.

Attendance: You will receive a daily grade B either a 100 or a 0. You get three free absences, i.e., three 0=s will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Piano Recital: Performance on the May 5 OC Piano Recital is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Recitalists will be chosen by Ms. Bizzell based on performance readiness.

Grading Policy: Final grades for the course will be based upon attendance and your willingness to complete the assignments given, calculated as follows:

Attendance:	30%
Weekly Assignments:	50%
Final:	20%

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the "[Ask a Librarian](#)" service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.

Student Portal

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).