

MUSIC 51A Beginning Piano (1 unit)

T/H 1:00 Pianolab 5135

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Required Text: *The Whole Pianist* - Susan Bruckner – available in bookstore.

Optional Text:

The Whole Musician: A Multi-Sensory Guide to Practice, Performance and Pedagogy, 4th ed. -Susan Bruckner

Course Description: Music 51A is designed to develop the following skills: musical literacy including all common notation on the grand staff, rhythmic reading, technique including scales and chord progressions, sight reading skills, harmonization and repertoire. Repertoire is selected from classical, popular, jazz and folk idioms.

Course/Lab Requirements:

1. Attendance at one piano concert & brief written summary
2. One hour a week lab time (16.5 hrs. with up to 10 hrs for practice time)
3. Complete midterm and final exams-technique & performance
4. Class participation on a regular basis.
5. Written and performance proficiency quizzes

Grading: is based on 25% written & proficiency quizzes, 25% lab completion and class participation, 25% midterm exams, and 25% final exams. You may request to see your grades at anytime during the semester.

Attendance: In case of absence you are required to find out all assignments and make up all work. Please contact me within 24hours after the missed class to maintain good class standing. Any missed quizzes must be made up in the next class. Avoid unexcused absences!

Practice: IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRACTICE REGULARLY!!!!

Playing an instrument is both a physical and mental activity. Like an athlete, your body can only learn through repeated daily practice. 20 minutes of practice every day is far more beneficial than two hours before class once a week. *Motor skills cannot be learned as quickly as cognitive skills. The body needs repetition and time to process new information!*

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