

MUSIC 51B - Piano II (1 unit)
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Required Text: *The Whole Pianist*- Susan Bruckner – available at campus bookstore

Optional Texts:

The Whole Musician: A Multi-Sensory Guide to Practice, Performance and Pedagogy, 3rd ed. - Susan Bruckner

Course Description: Piano 51B is a continuation of Beginning Piano. It is designed to develop the following skills at the keyboard: recognition of period styles, lead sheet notation, technique, sight reading, keyboard theory, and repertoire performance.

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 1/4 class participation and quizzes & 1/4 lab completion, 1/4 midterm, and 1/4 final exam. You may request to see your grades at any time during the semester.

Attendance: In case of absence you are required to find out all assignments and make up all work. Please contact me by phone or e-mail within 24 hours of the missed class to maintain good standing in the class. 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!*

Students needing accommodations should contact the instructor ASAP. As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations are provided to ensure equal opportunity for students with verified disabilities. If you need assistance with an accommodation, please contact Disabled Student Services, Rm. 810, 479-6379 or Learning Skills Program Rm. 1073, 479-6220

