



MUSC 2345 Class Piano I-Beginning Section Name Section Credit Hours Credits
Syllabus

Course Information

Meeting times and location: section meeting_times section location

Catalog description: A class piano experience in which the student will be introduced to learning how to play the piano. No experience necessary.

Terms offered: Fall and Spring

Section-specific Course Description:

Course Level Objectives

An introductory course in learning to play piano for students who have little or no experience. Topics covered include:

1. Basic knowledge of time signatures, rhythms, and counting.
2. Basic knowledge of key signatures, sharps, flats, naturals.
3. Technique specific to piano
4. How to read notes in both treble and bass clefs.
5. fingering.
6. hand positions and moving around the keyboard
7. sight reading and note reading
8. Mastering the five notes scale patterns/pentads, and the 8 note octave scale.
9. Experience in preparing pieces, and then performing them in front of a group.

10. A working vocabulary of basic music terms and symbols.

Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Course Requirements

Students will do the following activities: Be well. Do not come to class if you are sick or contagious. We are in close contact with each other in the piano lab and don't want to catch illness from each other.

Wash your hands at the start of class in the restroom next door to the piano lab. this will make piano playing more comfortable and more efficient.

Come to class. Try not to miss. If you do have to miss, please email or text the Instructor so you can be excused. If you do not contact the instructor, it will be an unexcused absence.

Practice. Practice the assigned pieces, scales and technique outside of class time. If you don't have piano or keyboard at home, there are three practice rooms available on a first come, first serve basis. The goal of learning pieces is that they become performance ready. The more you practice the faster you will progress.

Prepare and perform at the mandatory class performances. The goal with all learned pieces is to know them well enough to perform them successfully in front of your classmates.

For students taking the class for credit, a jury final at the end of the semester. This is a 10 minute performance for the music faculty. Students are required to know pentads and scales, and to perform two pieces for adjudication by the faculty. audit students may choose to do this, but are not required to do so.

Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

Pianists need to care for and protect their hands. Be careful. Wear gloves when it's cold. Use work gloves when working outside or moving etc. Keep your hands safe and clean. Also you will need short fingernails. This is required. Ladies if you have long nails, you will need to re-think this class. If you want to continue with the class, nails should be cut or taken off. No exception on this.

Grading

Final grades are calculated based on the following...Musicians should have a performance goal. The end goal of this class for credit students is to play the jury final at the end of the semester. Students who successfully play the jury final will earn "A" grades. Important: If a student does not show up for the jury final, the highest grade they can receive is a "C" or lower depending on their attendance in class.

Course Time Commitment

Lessons will progress at the student's pace. Everyone is different and will progress in their own way, space, and time. Students are not compared to each other ever. In general, the more you practice, the more you will progress.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

Because this is a hands-on face to face class, nothing is required from the student in canvas.

Participation and Attendance Policy

Please come to every class! But only if you are well. Music takes focus, determination, and practice, but we also try to have some fun along the way. If a student misses too many classes, he or she may be asked to drop the class, which is better than receiving a failing grade on your transcript.

Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

In a few days.

Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

Course Schedule

To be announced in class.

Program Handbook

none.

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For password reset and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

Academic Support and Resources

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

Student Support and Resources

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and](#)

[Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Contagious diseases and your responsibility:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

Safety on campus and your responsibility:

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however, students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may

choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of \$5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.