**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Name:** MVK 1111 (21139) Class Piano 1, 1 credit

**Course Prerequisite(s):** Non-piano primary music majors only

# Course Logistics:

* Term: Fall 2018
* Meeting Times: TR from 9am-9:50am in AH 113 (Piano Lab)

**Instructor(s)**:

* Mr. David Rossow, Senior Instructor of Music [drossow@fau.edu,](mailto:drossow@fau.edu,) (561) 297-1327, AL 229

**Office Hours**: TWR from 10am-11am in person or online via Canvas. As circumstances may occasionally prevent me from being available during these times, it is best to email me in advance. If I am not available, I will do my best to set a meeting with you as soon as possible.

**Course Description:** This course is designed to teach fundamental keyboard skills and competencies to non-piano music majors.

**\*Students must pass the required courses of Class Piano prior to application for graduation adhering to the following timelines:**

* *Vocal Performance Majors (BM) -* must complete Class Piano 1-4 prior to junior recital pre-hearing
* *Music Education Majors (BME) -* must complete Class Piano 1-4 prior to enrollment in ESE 3940.
* *Commercial Music (BM Business Track) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) Majors -* must complete Class Piano 1-3 prior to enrollment in MUS 4911.
* *Commercial Music (BM Composition and Technology Tracks)* - must complete Class Piano 1-3 and Commercial Class Piano prior to enrollment in MUS 4911.
* *Transfer Students* – Any student who has transferred from another university or college must take the transfer examination. For Fall semester entrance, it will be offered the week prior to the start of classes. For Spring semester entrance, it will be offered during drop/add week.

**OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of the semester, students will have developed a written and performance knowledge of the skills in each of the following three categories:

* Fundamentals
  + Topography of the keyboard: arrangements of black and white keys; whole and half steps; intervals
  + Reading Skills: treble and bass staves; grand staff; sight reading examples ranging from single line melodies to independent voices within major and minor pentachord range
  + Technical Skills: all major and minor five-finger patterns; all white-key major scales; phrasing techniques; legato; staccato; two-note phrases; movement over the entire keyboard; tone- production-dynamics; elementary techniques of pedaling
  + Key signatures and theory work
* Creatively Applied Theory
  + Chords: major, minor, diminished, augmented triads; chord inversions; triads within the key
  + Cadences
  + Harmonization: primary chords in all major keys using chord symbols and Roman numerals
  + Transpositions
* Performance
  + Folk songs in a variety of settings: hands alone, hands together, solo, and duet
  + Solo and duet pieces in increasing difficulty; composers include Kabalevsky, Turk, Bartok, and Gurlitt
  + Selected outside material, especially accompaniments from student’s major repertoire
  + Ensemble skills: duets; four-part ensembles; creating and playing two-hand accompaniments

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

* Lancaster, E.L. and Renfrow, Kenon D. *Alfred’s Group Piano for Adults Book 1,* 2nd edition*.* (available at the FAU book store).
* MVK Class Piano Handbook (available at the FAU book store).

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

* Students are required to bring stereo headphones for use in the piano lab
* For headphones with a 1/8” plug, a ¼” adaptor is needed
* It is the student’s responsibility to purchase headphones and the necessary adaptor (if needed). Headphones must be brought to every class or you will not be allowed to participate and your grade will be affected.

**RECOMMENDED MATERIALS**

* For all Music Education and Vocal Majors: “Henry, Mary and Marilyn Jones. *Songs for Sight-Singing*. High School, SATB B372. Southern Music Company, Publishing Division. San Antonio, Texas, 78292. [www.smpublications.com/catalog/music/choralcoll.htm](http://www.smpublications.com/catalog/music/choralcoll.htm) (you may substitute comparable materials with your instructor’s permission).
* For sight reading drills: Kowalchyk, Gayle and E.L. Lancaster. Alfred’s Basic Piano Library. *Sight Reading Level 2* #5762. Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.). (You may substitute comparable materials with your instructor’s permission).

**GRADING AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES**

# Course Evaluation Methods:

* + **Attendance**
  + Students are required to attend two labs per week.
  + Two tardies or leaving early = One absence.
  + Attendance will be logged via Canvas every class.
  + Two unexcused absences are allowed. Any absence over the two unexcused will lower your final grade by five (5) percentage points per occurrence as per the chart below.

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| **Number of Absences** | **Maximum**  **Start Value** |
| 0-2 | 100 |
| 3 | 90 |
| 4 | 85 |
| 5 | 80 |
| 6 | 75 |
| 7 | 70 |

**\* Note that 7 or more absences (or the correlating number of tardies) will make it impossible to pass this course as required**

**for degree.**

You must pass this class

with a grade of “C” or higher to continue with

MVK 1112.

* + Absences are excused only in the case of an emergency, provided the instructor is notified before the class. In cases of illness, an official doctor’s note must be presented to the instructor. **Please note that attendance for exams is mandatory.** No make-ups will be given without the above information.
  + Students scheduled to participate in music department activities that conflict with a scheduled piano class must provide proper documentation from the supervising official in advance. Failure to do so will result in a marked absence.
  + Any performance date conflicts anticipated during the semester should be presented to the instructor as per above, within the first two weeks of the term. Forgeries are considered a serious infraction and will be treated accordingly by the department chair.
  + Students must attend the class piano section they are enrolled in unless given permission otherwise.

# Testing Procedure

* Testing will be held during class time on an individualized basis
* Final Exam – There will be a sign up available in the Canvas calendar via the “Scheduler”.

**Grading Policy:** Your grade in this class will be evaluated on your participation in class, written assignments, quizzes, and written and performance exams based on the following percentages:

# Attendance and Class Participation 20%

# Quizzes, and Homework Assignments 20%

# Exams 60%

# Total 100%

**Course Grading Scale:** 93-100 = A 83-86 = B 73-76 = C 63-66 = D 90-92 = A- 80-82 = B- 70-72 = C- 60-62 = D- 87-89 = B+ 77-79 = C+ 67-69 = D+ 0-59 = F

# Make-Ups/Late Work/Incompletes Requirements:

* + It is your responsibility to practice outside of class if it is not possible to attend.
  + Instructors are not required to coach or test students outside of class time unless specifically arranged.
  + If you are experiencing any other large- scale issues, contact the instructor immediately to formulate a resolution (if possible). Notifying your instructor after the fact will not be sufficient to warrant a resolution unless there was no other option.
  + A grade of Incomplete will be assigned only in the case of extreme emergency or illness.

**COURSE POLICIES:**

**Course Requirements:** Students are expected to attend class, participate during sessions and to practice outside of class. The complete proficiency requirements must be attained before graduation can be certified. You are responsible for progressing as required. Understand what is expected; consult your materials, establish a regular practice schedule - **one hour per day recommended**, and maintain a practice log. Listen carefully to coaching advice, take notes and apply what you have learned. Always feel free to ask for help if you are uncertain. By staying in this class after the drop-add period is over, you are agreeing to the requirements as stated. If you have a problem with any of the requirements, it is suggested that you speak with your advisor about whether you should remain registered in this course. Piano class is a group lab environment; consequently, individual coaching time will be limited.

**Credit and Time Requirements:** Federal regulations, FAU and our accrediting body the National Association of Schools of Music have determined the following formula to represent the amount of work represented per credit hour: for each credit hour in a class, the combined contact hours in class and out-of-class student work should equal three hours. In the cases of applied music lessons, each individual area will provide specific out-of-class expectations that will lead to student success in the applied lesson. Large ensembles may meet additional hours beyond this formula to accommodate the rigors of the repertoire scheduled for performances.

**Course Communication Policy:**

All materials, communication, etc will take place in Canvas at the following address: <http://canvas.fau.edu>

* Announcements
  + You are responsible for reading all announcements posted by the instructor. Check the announcements each time you login to be sure you have read all of them since your last session.
* Course-related Questions
  + First read the syllabus to see if your answer is there.
  + Email is the best means of question-related communication
* Email & Message Policy
  + All electronic communication must originate from a valid FAU email address
  + Except for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, instructors will respond to messages generally within 24 hours.
* If this course does not appear in your Canvas list, it is likely that you are not fully registered. If you do not have Canvas, you will not receive emails, announcements, or materials for class. Make sure you set-up your preferences in regards to course notifications via Canvas. Information on how to do so can be found at the following link: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1286>
* It is highly recommended that you download the Canvas App and use it!

**Lab Requirements and Classroom Etiquette:**

* Students are expected to refrain from the use of handheld Internet or texting devices during class and may only use computers to aid in note taking. Should a student be found in violation of this etiquette, they will be asked to leave class and take the absence.
* Cell phones should be put in silent mode.
* Students are asked to sit in the chairs in a proper manner and keep feet from residing on other furniture.
* Out of courtesy to other students and to the professor, students are asked to arrive in a timely manner.
* No food or drink (except bottled water) is permitted.
* Please be courteous of the space and pick up after yourself when you leave. That includes closing the keyboard and pushing in the bench.
* Talking, texting or any other disruptive behavior will result in dismissal and an absence recorded.

**Health and Safety:** Students are encouraged to access the FAU Department of Music Handbook or our website [www.fau.edu/music](http://www.fau.edu/music) to read the Department’s guidelines towards hearing and performance health and safety

.<http://www.fau.edu/music/pdf/HEALTH%20AND%20SAFETY%20INFORMATION%20AND%20RECOMMENDATIONS%20FOR%20STUDENT%20MUSICIANS.pdf>

**UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**Students with Disabilities:** <http://www.fau.edu/sas/Rights.php>

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodation due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU’s campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses.

**Religious Accommodation:** <http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter2/Reg%202.007%208-12.pdf>

* In accordance with rules of the Florida Board of Education and Florida law, students have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices and beliefs with regard to admissions, registration, class attendance and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments.
* Students who wish to be excused from coursework, class activities, or examinations must notify the instructor in writing ***two weeks in advance*** of their intention to participate in religious observation and request an excused absence. The instructor will provide a reasonable opportunity to make up material from excused absences.
* Any student who feels aggrieved regarding religious accommodations may present a grievance to the director of Equal Opportunity Programs. Any such grievances will follow Florida Atlantic University’s established grievance procedure regarding alleged discrimination.

**Code of Academic Integrity**: <http://www.fau.edu/ctl/AcademicIntegrity.php>

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high-quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see University Regulation 4.001.

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

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| **Class 1** | Exploring the Piano & Playing Position, p. 1-2 • Three-Black-Key Groups, p. 3 • White Key Groups, p. 3 • Grand Staff, Landmark Notes, & Lines and Spaces, p. 4 • Rhythm, p. 5 • Playing C-D-E Groups, p. 6 • Sharps, Flats, and Naturals, p. 7 • Playing Tune Fragments No. 1-2, p. 7 • Combing FGAB & CDE No. 1-2, p. 9 |
| **Class 2** | • Combing FGAB & CDE No. 1-2, p. 9 |
|  | • Playing Tune Fragments No. 1-6, p. 7-8 |
|  | • Music for Reading No. 1-4, p. 11-12 |
|  | • Scarborough Fair, p. 19 |
|  | • Goodbye Ol’ Paint, p. 21 |
|  | • Improvising, p. 30 |
|  | • Technical Studies No. 5-6, p. 31 |
| **Class 3** | • Intervals & Intervallic Reading No. 1-4, p. 10 • One-Hand Reading in 5 Finger Patterns No. 1-4, p. 15 • Music for Reading No. 5-6, p. 13 • Scarborough Fair, p. 19 • Goodbye Ol’ Paint, p. 21 • Cradle Song, p. 17 • Breezing Along, p. 23 & A Thoughtful Gesture, p. 27 • Musicianship Activities, p. 29 • Technical Studies No. 1-2, p. 31 |
| **Class 4** | • One-Hand Reading in 5 Finger Patterns No. 5-8, p. 15 |
|  | • Music for Reading No. 8, p. 14 |
|  | • Cradle Song, p. 17 |
|  | • Breezing Along, p. 29 & A Thoughtful Gesture, p. 27 |
|  | • Fifths, p. 23 & Pensive, p. 24 |
|  | • Technical Studies No. 3-4, p. 31 |
| **Class 5** | • One-Hand Reading in 5 Finger Patterns (all), p. 15 |
|  | • Music for Reading No. 8, p. 14 |
|  | • Fifths, p. 23 & Pensive, p. 24 with a partner, READ either RH OR LH part - then switch parts |
|  | (A Second Chance p. 24, Modal Memory, p. 26 OR Ties That Bind, p. 28) |
|  | Review for Exam 1 - EXAM 1 taken from “SUGGESTED QUIZ TOPICS” p. 32 |
| **Classes 6-7** | Exam 1 - Sign up for a time via the Canvas Scheduler |
| **Class 8** | • The C, G Major Pentachords, Whole Steps & Half Steps, p. 33 |
|  | • Pentachord Tunes, p. 34-35 (all Tunes) |
|  | • Major Triads p. 36-37 (all Melodies) |
|  | • Music for Reading and Transposition No. 1-2, p. 49 (transpose) |
|  | • Play a Simple Melody, p. 56 |
|  | • Walking Home With Angeline, p. 62 & 64 |
|  | • Musicianship Activities, p. 73 |
| **Class 9** | • Review Major Triad Melodies, p. 36-37 |
|  | • Review Music for Reading, p. 49 |
|  | • 5-Finger Melodies in Unison with Occasional Triads, p. 39-40 (all Melodies) |
|  | • Play a Simple Melody, p. 56 |
|  | • Walking Home With Angeline, p. 62 & 64 |
|  | • Touches Blanches, p. 68 |
|  | • Seconds, Anyone?, p. 66 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Two Note Slur Exercises (keys of C, G, D, F), p. 75 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Pentachords (begin sharp keys), p. 74 |
| **Class 10** | • 5-Finger Melodies in Unison with Occasional Triads, p. 41 |
|  | • Eighth Notes, p. 42-43 |
|  | • Staccato Touch: A Review, p. 45 |
|  | • Music for Reading and Transposition No. 3, p. 50 & No. 5, p. 51 (transpose) |
|  | • Touches Blanches, p. 68 & Seconds Anyone?, p. 66 |
|  | • from “First Term at the Piano” & Drone Piece, p. 67 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Two Note Slur Exercises (keys of C, G, D, F), p. 75 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Pentachords (sharp keys), p. 74 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Triad Exercise (sharp keys), p. 75 |
| **Class 11** | • Music for Reading and Transposition No. 9-10, p. 53 |
|  | • Staccato Touch: A Review, p. 46 |
|  | • Triad Outlines, p. 44 (in class only) |
|  | • Using the Pedals, p. 47 |
|  | • Pedal Study No. 1 OR No. 2, p. 48 |
|  | • The Juniper Tree, p. 55 |
|  | • begin Bells, p. 71 OR Sonorities, p. 72 |
|  | • begin Halsey Stevens, p. 69 OR Igor Stravinsky, p. 70 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Pentachords (begin flat keys), p. 74 |
| **Class 12** | • Music for Reading and Transposition No. 7-8, p. 52 |
|  | • Pedal Study No. 1 OR No. 2, p. 48 |
|  | • The Juniper Tree, p. 55 |
|  | • Bells, p. 71 OR Sonorities, p. 72 |
|  | • Halsey Stevens, p. 69 OR Igor Stravinsky, p. 70 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Pentachords (flat keys), p. 74 |
|  | • Technical Studies - Major Triad Exercise (flat keys), p. 75 |
| **Classes 13-14** | Exam 2 - Sign up for a time via the Canvas Scheduler |
| **Class 15** | • Major Scale Song & Scale Fingering (transposed), p. 77 |
|  | • Key Signatures, p. 78 |
|  | • Forming Major Scales & Scale Fingering (hand alone), p. 79 |
|  | • Tetrachord Scales, p. 80 & Mus. Activities: Tetrachord Scales p. 118-119 (sharp keys) |
|  | • Playing Scale Melodies... No. 1-3, p. 80-81 |
|  | • Dotted Quarter-Note Followed by an Eight Note - Ode to Joy, p. 83 & Michael Row Your Boat Ashore, p. 84 |
|  | • French Melody & British Melody, p. 85 |
|  | • Rumba, p. 107 (hands alone) |
|  | • Lone Star Trail, p. 100 |
| **Class 16** | • Musicianship Activities: Tetrachord Scales p. 118-119 (memorized) |
|  | • Playing Scale Melodies.... No. 4, p. 82 |
|  | • Flemish Melody & British Melody, p. 86 |
|  | • Rumba, p. 107 (hands together) |
|  | • Lone Star Trail, p. 100 |
|  | • When I Lost You (1st page only), p. 102 |
| **Class 17** | • Musicianship Activities: Tetrachord Scales p. 120-121 (flat keys) |
|  | • Building 6ths, 7ths, and Octaves, p. 87 (all) |
|  | • Interval Study: Stretching, p. 88 |
|  | • When I Lost You (2nd page), p. 103 |
|  | • Harmonizing with Tonic and Dominant Chords No. 1-2, p. 90 |
|  | • Solo Repertoire: EITHER one selection from p. 111, OR Round Dance, p. 116 |
| **Class 18** | • Musicianship Activities: Tetrachord Scales p. 120-121 (memorized) |
|  | • Interval Study: Stretching, p. 88 |
|  | • When I Lost You (all), p. 103 |
|  | • Solo Repertoire: EITHER one selection from p. 111, OR Round Dance, p. 116 |
|  | • The Dominant 7th Chord, p. 91 |
|  | • Harmonizing with Tonic and First Inversion Dom. 7th Chords No. 1-4. p. 92-93 |
|  | • Musicianship Activities: p. 122 (as decided by instructor) |
| **Class 19** | • Begin Major Scales: Hands Alone, p. 123 (Appendix B, p. 359-363) |
|  | • Interval Study: Stretching, p. 88 |
|  | • When I Lost You (all), p. 103 |
|  | • Solo Repertoire: EITHER one selection from p. 111, OR Round Dance, p. 116 |
|  | • Harmonizing with Tonic and First Inversion Dom. 7th Chords No. 1-4. p. 92-93 |
|  | • Musicianship Activities: p. 122 (as decided by instructor) |
|  | • Begin Additional Individual Repertoire as Assigned (student’s choice), p. 110-117 |
| **Class 20** | Major Scales - C, G, D, A, E: Hands Alone, p. 123 (Appendix B, p. 359-363) |
|  | • Individual Repertoire as Assigned, p. 110-117 |
|  | • Musicianship Activities: p. 122 (as decided by instructor) |
|  | • Music for Sight Reading and Transposing No. 2, 4, 5, p. 94, 95, 96 (transpose) |
|  | Review for Exam 3 - EXAM 2 taken from “SUGGESTED QUIZ TOPICS” p. 124 |
| **Classes 21-22** | Exam 3 - Sign up for a time via the Canvas Scheduler |
| **Class 23** | • The Minor Pentachord and Triad, p. 125 (transposed) • Minor Melodies.... No. 1-2, p. 126 • Minor 5-Finger Pattern Reading No. 1-3, p. 128-129 • Review: Tonic-Dominant 7th Progression, p. 133 (each hand 3 major keys, 3 minor keys) • Harmonizing in Minor Keys with Tonic and Dominant 65 Chords No. 1-4, p. 131-132 • Rhythm: Sixteenths & 6/8 Meter. p. 138 • Folk Song Arrangements Incorporating Sixteenths & 6/8 No. 1-2, p. 139 • Musicianship Activities, p. 171 |
| **Class 24** | • The Minor Pentachord and Triad, p. 125 (transposed) |
|  | • Minor Melodies.... No. 3-4, p. 127 |
|  | • Minor Pentachord Reading No. 4-6, p. 129-130 |
|  | • Review: Harmonizing in Minor Keys with...., p. 131-132 |
|  | • Folk Song Arrangements Incorporating Sixteenths & 6/8 No. 3, p. 140, No. 5, p. 141 |
|  | • I-V7-I: Four-Voice Texture, p. 133-134 (all given keys) |
|  | • The Slender Mountain Ash, p. 151 |
|  | • Country Gardens, p. 161 |
| **Class 25** | * Review: Folk Song Arrangements Incorporating Sixteenths & 6/8 No. 3, p. 140, No. 5, p. 141 |
|  | • I-V7-I: Four-Voice Texture, p. 133-134 (all given keys) |
|  | • Chording An Accompaniment & LH Styles No. 1-4, p. 134-135 |
|  | • The Slender Mountain Ash, p. 151 |
|  | • Country Gardens, p. 161 |
|  | • Begin Individual Repertoire as Assigned |
| **Class 26** | • Major Scales - G♭, D♭, C♭: Hands Alone p. 172 (Appendix B, p. 359-363) |
|  | • Review: Chording An Accompaniment & LH Styles No. 1-4, p. 134-135 |
|  | • New: LH Accompaniment Styles No. 5-6, p. 137 |
|  | • The Subdominant Chord in Major & I-IV64-I-V65-I Chord Pattern, p. 142 (transposed) |
|  | • Individual Repertoire as Assigned |
| **Class 27** | • Begin Scales HANDS TOGETHER: G♭, D♭, C♭ C, G, D, A, E p. 172 |
|  | (Appendix B, p. 359-363) |
|  | • I-IV64-I-V65-I Chord Pattern, p. 142 (transposed) |
|  | • Harmonizing Using I, IV64, and V65 No. 2, p. 143, No. 6, p. 145 |
|  | • Music for Sight Reading and Transposing No. 1, p. 146, No. 3, p. 147, No. 8, p.149 |
|  | • Individual Repertoire as Assigned |
| **Class 28** | • Scales HANDS TOGETHER: G♭, D♭, C♭ C, G, D, A, E p. 172 (Appendix B, |
|  | p. 359-363) |
|  | • I-IV64-I-V65-I Chord Pattern, p. 142 (transposed) |
|  | • Harmonizing Using I, IV64, and V65 No. 3, p. 144, No. 5, p. 145 |
|  | • Music for Sight Reading and Transposing Review: No. 1, 3, 8, & New: No. 7, p. 149 |
|  | • Begin: KKKKaty, p. 154 (hands alone) |
|  | • Individual Repertoire as Assigned |
| **Class 29** | • Harmonization Studies, p. 173 (instructor’s choice) |
|  | • Scales HANDS TOGETHER: G♭, D♭, C♭ C, G, D, A, E p. 172 (Appendix B, p. 359-363) |
|  | • I-IV64-I-V65-I Chord Pattern, p. 142 (transposed) |
|  | • Harmonizing Using I, IV64, and V65 No. 3, p. 144, No. 5, p. 145 |
|  | • Music for Sight Reading and Transposing Review No. 7, p. 149 |
|  | • KKKKaty, p. 154 (hands alone) |
|  | • Individual Repertoire as Assigned |
|  | **Exam 4 is scheduled during the final exam time for this class.**  **Sign up for a time via the Canvas Scheduler** |

**Official University Schedule and Holidays (NO CLASSES)**

Labor Day – September 3rd (M)

Veteran’s Day – November 12th (M)

Thanksgiving Recess – November 22-25th (R-Sun)

Last Day of Classes – December 1st (M)

Reading Days - December 3rd-5th (M-W)

**Final Exam:** T (December 6th) 7:45am - 10:15am