Non-major class piano I, MUSI 1302  
10-11:50 am, MTWR

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Required text:

*Adult Piano Adventures, “All in One” Lesson Book 1, Revised Edition*, Nancy and Randall Faber, 2009, FJH Music Company. $15.95.

**MUSI 1302. Non-major class piano I:** The goal of this course is to introduce the basic principles of how to play the piano and to begin to learn how to create art through sound.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students will learn how to create music through playing the piano. Students will be able to:

1. Read notes in treble and bass clef simultaneously
2. Read rhythms down to sixteenth notes
3. Use proper piano technique
4. Improvise a short piece by reading pop symbols
5. Understand basic music theory

**Measuring Student Learning Outcomes:** Daily grades and final exam will be scored according to:

1. Accuracy of notes, rhythms, dynamics
2. Correct fingering
3. Proper hand position and posture
4. Very short quizzes on basic elements of music theory

**Attendance Policy:** Students are encouraged to attend every class session. If you must miss class, please let the instructor know via email or phone in order to make up any missed work. If the instructor is not notified in advance, the student will not be allowed to make up any missed work. Students receive a grade for each class meeting: unexcused absences result in a failing grade for the class meeting.

**Grading Policy:** Students will receive a daily grade for each class meeting based on the homework for that day, for a total of 20 daily grades, which will be 90% of your final
grade. The homework will consist of preparing music or exercises and performing them for the class, either individually or in small groups. There will be a final exam on the last class day consisting of three parts: a performance piece, technical exercise, and improvisation. The final exam will be 10% of your final grade for the class.

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**Daily practice:** Most practice for the course will happen during the class, but less experienced students may need to spend a some time outside of class practicing for the next day’s assignment. Practice rooms are located on the first floor of the Center for the Arts. Students are encouraged to practice on acoustic pianos or high-quality digital pianos that have “normal” sized keys and are touch-sensitive. Small, low-quality keyboards that are not touch-sensitive will hinder a student’s development and lead to bad habits.

**Lab Rules:** NO FOOD OR OPEN DRINKS IN THE LAB AT ANY TIME. You may bring in a drink with a closed lid, such as a bottle of water, but under no circumstances should the drink be placed on the keyboard at any time. No open cups of any liquid, such as cans, coffee cups, or anything that can be easily spilled. The equipment is very expensive and easily destroyed!!

Please do not unplug any electrical connections on the pianos or remove/switch headphones. Let the instructor know if you are having problems and they will be resolved.

**Syllabus:** On Monday of each week, you will receive a list of assignments for that week. The list will include each piece of music or exercise to be learned on a daily basis.

- **July 9-12** Chapters 1-6
- **July 16-19** Chapters 7-9
- **July 23-26** Chapters 10-11
- **July 30-Aug 2** Chapters 12-13
- **Aug 6-8** Chapter 14

**FINAL EXAM August 9th, 10 – 11:50 am**

**ACADEMIC ADVISING:** The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor, and the department chair. The College's Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

**Notice to Students with Disabilities:** Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for
qualified students with disabilities. If you suspect that you may have a disability (physical impairment, learning disability, psychiatric disability, etc.), please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, located in Driftwood 101, at 825-5816. If you need disability accommodations in this class, please see me as soon as possible.

**Grade Appeal Process**

As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal.

A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. If the problem cannot be resolved at this level, the student may take the steps below.

1. Presentation of grievance to instructor. (This step must be taken within fourteen calendar days after the beginning of the next term.)
2. Appeal to department chair or area coordinator.
3. Written appeal to the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
4. Preliminary review and advising by an ombudsman appointed by the Provost.
5. Submission of file by department chair to the chair of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee.
6. Review of file by committee chair and submission of case to committee.
7. Proceedings of the University Academic Standards Grievance Committee. (Committee holds hearing, reviews data, presents findings to all parties, and makes recommendation to Provost.)
8. Decision by Provost.
9. Final appeal in writing to the Provost if student or instructor thinks appropriate procedures have not been followed.

For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.htm.

For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.