

Keyboard Skills & Collaborative Techniques /Collaborative Piano Chamber Music

Sam Houston State University

FALL 2017

SYLLABUS

Tues/Thurs 12:30pm-1:50pm
GPAC Recital Hall and Piano Lab 203

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Required Materials

3-ring binder

Appropriate musical dictionary

Music literature and other related materials as assigned by instructor

Headphone adaptors

Course Description and Objectives

This class provides the training necessary for pianists to work as collaborators with vocalists and instrumentalists. Emphasis is placed on efficient learning techniques, culminating in a live performance.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will develop and strengthen skills in the areas of rhythm, harmony, instrumental and choral score reading, transposition, sight-reading, duo performance, score reduction, improvisation, and basic conducting patterns. Students will prepare and perform compositions for the end-of-semester class recital. This recital will take place on October 31st, at 7:30pm, in the GPAC Recital Hall.

Grading Policy

Grades will be assigned each class for assignments given the previous class, with particular emphasis on Tuesdays. Grades will be assigned for the end-of-semester recital and other assignments that may be required by the instructor. The Final Exam will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 12:30pm to 2pm.

Students are invited to schedule an appointment to discuss grades received or grading policies at any time throughout the semester. The general grading criteria is the following:

Weekly assignments -60%

Midterm – 10%

Final Exam – 10%

Final Recital (required to pass course) - 20%

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Unexcused absences of any kind will not be tolerated. In the event of an unexcused absence during a scheduled meeting time, a failing grade will be assigned for that respective class time. Classifying an absence as excused or unexcused is at the instructor's discretion. In most cases, neglect to provide prior notice of an absence will be considered unexcused. Student's tardiness will have the effect of lowering the grade for that particular class session. Failure to perform in the Final Recital will have the effect of failing the course.

Academic Honesty

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Absence Policy

Students should inform the professor in advance of reasons for necessary absences (medical, etc.). Failure to inform the professor may result in an unexcused absence. Unexcused absences are not permissible in PIAN courses, and such absences may result in a lowering of the semester grade.

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS

Students are allowed to miss class and other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students remain responsible for all work..

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should visit with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain North Annex location. The SSD contact information (voice 936-294-3512; TDD 936-294-3786; e-mail disability@shsu.edu; web www.shsu.edu/disability).