**Syllabus:** Piano Class I  
**Course Number:** MUSI 1181

**Instructor Information**

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**Textbook Information**

**Adult Piano Adventures: All-In-One Piano Course,** Nancy and Randall Faber. The FJH Music Company. ISBN# 978-1-61677-301-4

**Favorite Melodies the World Over,** arr. by Jane Smisor Bastien. Kjos Music Company. ISBN# 0-8497-5034-2

**Practical Theory Vol.1,** Sandy Feinstein. ISBN#978-0-88284-216-1

**Music Flashcards,** Jane Smisor Bastien.

**Student Learning Outcomes for the Course**

1. Students will learn to read music at a basic level

2. Students will learn the correct posture and hand position at the piano

3. Students will learn basic music terminology

4. Students will perform 2 pieces from memory competently

**Student Requirements for Completion of the Course and Due Dates**

1. Practice outside of class and learn assigned music

2. Participate in class by playing with the group

3. Complete homework sheets and other written class work

4. Perform 2 pieces from memory for the class

**Student Assessment**

Based on completion of above. Effort, participation and consistent practice are crucial to success in this class and are the criteria for grading, **not talent**. A final “exam” will be held the last class date and will consist of the student performing their 2 pieces from memory and taking a written test on basic music terminology and note reading.

**Grading Scale**

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| **Grade** |  |
| **A** | 90-100 |
| **B** | 80-89 |
| **C** | 70-79 |
| **D** | 60-69 |
| **F** | 59-below |

**Class Schedule**

Studentswill receive weekly assignments of music to learn from their books. Progress varies by class – most complete the first 6 units of the Adult Piano Adventures book and learn 1 or 2 supplemental pieces.

**Attendance Policy**

Attendance is extremely important to success in Piano Class, indeed any course, and grades always reflect the level of discipline in this regard. Since this class meets only once a week, any absence puts the student behind. Please communicate with your instructor about any problems. **This class will follow the guidelines outlined in the official TC Absentee Policy below. In other words, once you go beyond 2 weeks’ worth of absences you may be dropped. It is possible to attend another section of Piano Class in the event of an absence.**

**Class Rules**

**Class rules ensure the best possible learning environment and a climate of respect for one another.**

**Students will not talk when the teacher or another student is talking.**  Students who carry on private discussions which distract or interrupt the class will be warned and then separated. If the behavior continues and the student becomes a detriment to the class the student may be dropped.

**Students who use foul language or any inappropriate speech such as threats, hate speech or bullying will be asked to leave and then may be dropped.**

**Make-up Policy**

Any test or homework assignment may be done late, however a letter grade penalty will be applied. Please contact the instructor about your options.

**Academic Integrity Statement**

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, col­lusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an “F”.

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

**Disability Act Statement:**

*TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX, 75599, (903) 823-3017,* [*human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu*](mailto:human.resources@texarkanacollege.edu)

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. If you have an accommodation letter indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

**Financial Aid:**

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

**ABSENTEE POLICY**Texarkana College’s absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student’s responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor’s tardy policy.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student’s absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of “F” in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of “F” or “W”.

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student’s current or future financial aid eligibility. Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES**A student’s absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student’s allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook. These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor’s syllabus.

*\*Students interested in Health Occupations should check with the division chair prior to entering the program.*

**ONLINE/HYBRID COURSE ABSENCES**Absence in an **online course** is defined as the lack of an active post or submission within the course including discussion board posts, written assignments, and tests. This standard will be used to determine all absentee issues, including but not limited to, 12th Day

Census Reports, last date of attendance, and involuntary withdrawal from a course due to absences. All online students must complete an Enrollment Verification activity within the first week of class (activity depends upon the professor); otherwise the professor **may** drop the student for not having attended. Students must complete at least one activity in their online class per week. Each week in which a student does not complete an activity will be counted as an absence.

If a student is taking a hybrid course, and it does not meet during the first week of class, the student must also complete an Enrollment Verification activity within the first week of class; otherwise the student **may** be dropped for not having attended.

**MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**After official registration, the following number of unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student **may** be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence over the following information.

**Academic Classes**

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| **A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR THE FULL 16 WEEK SEMESTER** | |
| Class or Lab Meets:  Once a week (Night classes or Friday classes)  Twice a week (MW or TR classes)  Three times a week (MWF or TRF classes)  Four times a week (MTWR classes) | An instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  2  4  6  8  Three tardies count as one absence |
| **A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 14 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER** | |
| Class or Lab Meets:  Twice a week (MW or TR classes) | An instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  4  Three tardies count as one absence. |
| **A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 8 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER (Fast-Track)** | |
| Class or Lab Meets:  Four times a week (MTWR classes) | An instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  4  Three tardies count as one absence. |
| **A COURSE THAT MEETS FOR 5 WEEKS OF THE SEMESTER (Summer Sessions)** | |
| Class or Lab Meets:  3 times a week (MTW) (evening classes)  4 times a week (MTWR) (day classes) | An instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed:  2  2  Three tardies count as one absence. |

**Workforce Classes** (**This does not include Health Occupations. See Health Occupations Handbook regarding absences for that program.)**

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| Day Classes | Evening Classes |
| Class meets:  5 days a week (MTWRF)  The instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed five (5) up until the published Last Day for Students to Drop. Absences that exceed this number after the drop day may result in the student receiving an “F” in the program for that semester.  Three tardies count as one absence.  You are considered tardy from the designated class start time through the first 15 minutes of class. After that you will be counted absent. | Class Meets:  4 evenings a week (MTWR)  The instructor **may** withdraw a student from a course if absences exceed five (5) up until the published Last Day for Students to Drop. Absences that exceed this number after the drop day may result in the student receiving an “F” in the program for that semester.  Three tardies count as one absence.  You are considered tardy from the designated class start time through the first 15 minutes of class. After that you will be counted absent. |