

PRINCIPAL APPLIED PIANO: 6610A

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) To encourage the development of musicality and expressiveness.
- 2) To establish helpful practice habits by specific lesson assignments and discussions.
- 3) To "polish" a few pieces to a high degree.
- 4) To "try out" several pieces to gain exposure to standard literature and to aid in sight reading development.
- 5) To increase knowledge of the use of the body (arm, forearm and torso) as related to healthy technique.
- 6) To increase knowledge of individual composers and performance style practices as related to interpretation.
- 7) To gain skills in Sight Reading through weekly assignments and tests.
- 8) To encourage the development of independent learners who become the center of their own learning, through experimentation with practice methods which culminate in written Practice Journals
- 9) To prepare for the jury.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

The Brown Scale Book - published by Frederick Harris Music

4 Star Sight Reading and Ear Training, by Boris Berlin, Frederick Harris Music Company (assigned level)

Lesson Notebook (used in daily practicing and brought to each lesson)

Pencil

Metronome

Access to a stapler (\$1 at dollar store)

Repertoire Books as assigned:

–edition must be approved by Dr. Gingerich, generally urtext

-photocopies or IMSLP print outs are not permitted as a permanent substitute. Each lesson after the indicated due date which you attend without the approved score, will earn a reduction of 2 points out of 7 for your lesson grade.

Places to Order Music
(in general say “hold until complete”)

1. JW Pepper 1-800-345-6296 www.PianoAtPepper.com (Shawn Morris UWG alumnus)
2. Online Only www.sheetmusicplus.com **** highly recommended!**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1) **Repertoire**

To be determined by the student and the professor to fit the individual student's growth and interests. During the academic year one piece from each of the four standard periods should be learned. Assigned repertoire and technique level is adjusted to fit the varying needs of students, and to create progressive advancement in level. *Ability to read the score and learn pitch and rhythm accurately and independently, rather than copying the work of others, is an important factor in repertoire choice and the development of creative and unique artistry.*

2) **Practice Requirements**

Students registered for two credits must practice two hours/day for 6 days of the week (12 hrs/wk). Students registered for one credit must practice one hour per day for 6 days of the week (6 hrs/wk). (3 credits is 18 hrs/week). Students performing a Level Change or Recital will need to add to these times. The most important practice day is the **SAME** day as your lesson so that you can remember what occurred. **FOLLOW THE PLAN IN YOUR LESSON NOTEBOOK.** Please feel free to stop by and see me if you have any questions in between your lessons. It is very important to follow the practice plan established at the lesson and recorded in your lesson notebook. Remember, practice does NOT make perfect, but rather "PERFECT practice makes perfect (Robert Pace)". This is a recommended practice plan:

1. OBSERVE what was correct and incorrect.
2. DIAGNOSE why things were incorrect.
3. PRESCRIBE how to fix the problem.
4. EXECUTE the prescription.
5. EVALUATE its effectiveness.

3) **Attendance Policy**

Students must be punctual and attend all lessons. Students who miss lessons for any reason, including the instructor's absence, are not automatically entitled to make-up lessons. Please do NOT knock at your lesson time, I will simply open the door.

UWG provides excellent resources to students, and if you need to be absent, and wish to inform me of your circumstances, you may confer with a UWG Professional designated and trained to provide ongoing assistance in your area of need:

- a) Physical Health: Health Services Patient Advocate(Jill Hendricks, Corey Hindman, Jamie Gaddy)
- b) Emotional Health: UWG Cares: www.westga.edu/UWGCares
- c) Academic:(time management, learning disabilities): Center for Academic Success (UCC)

d) Miscellaneous: Dean of Students Office: www.westga.edu/vpsa

e) UWG music instructor concerning date and time of departure for an ensemble tour or conference.

Please note: communication regarding absences is via email only. Dr. Gingerich is well qualified to assist with musical and pianistic problems. But for reasons of confidentiality and in order to obtain the best professional advice, assistance for situations which are non- musical or non- pianistic must be provided by one of the UWG professional listed above.

4) Concert Attendance

Studio members are expected to support other pianists by attending CREDIT RECITAL performances by other piano students.

5) Academic Policies

Official communication will be via “my.westga.edu” accounts only.

Extra credit is permitted as indicated, but work created in other courses may not be utilized. Extra credit is granted after the completion of the requirements of this syllabus **and may not be utilized as a substitute for regular work.**

Written assignments must be typed using single-spaced 12 point font, 1” Left and Right margins, 1.5” top and bottom margins, and stapled in order to receive full credit. Hard copy written assignments, are due at the beginning of your lesson, and if are turned in late they receive a grade of zero (It is the student’s responsibility to consult the syllabus for due dates).

Contract By remaining a registered student in this course, the student agrees to the obligations set forth in this syllabus for the satisfactory completion of this course. Additional information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/UWGSyllabusPolicies>

EVALUATION

Lessons

Each lesson will receive a grade out of 7% and the best 10 will be kept. It is expected that ALL assigned materials will have been practiced and that you are able to play them at a STEADY tempo, unless otherwise indicated. Excellent progress is indicated by having followed the assigned practice plan and having made progress towards those goals whether they be technical or interpretive. The lesson at which the Practice Journal is due, 2% out of 7% will be allocated for demonstration and discussion of the items you chose to discuss in your Practice Blog.

Music 1000 Performance

This is held on specific Mondays at 3:30 in Cashen Recital Hall. You must perform one time each semester and will receive a grade simply for doing this. You may view this as a "run through" for your jury. At the lesson prior to this performance, your piece must be “performance ready” in order to be allowed to perform, and Dr. Gingerich will submit the required form to the music dept office. Students enrolled in their first semester of applied study may arrange for an alternate project.

Jury

This final exam is performed in front of the piano faculty. You will play your assigned technique and at least two memorized, contrasting repertoire pieces.

Sight Reading

Each week you will practice assigned pages in the Four Star Sight Reading book using the methodology described at your lesson. 4 times during the semester, USING YOUR BOOK, you will be tested at your lesson. For 2 of these tests, it will be a test plus a Fun Surprise (rhythm exercise, Dr. G plays an accompaniment)

Studio Class

Attendance is required for ALL students. For students not enrolled in MUSC 1000, more than one Unexcused Absence will result in the grade of F for the course.

Practice Journal

Part 1- application of specific practice strategies used at the lesson, to daily practice. After describing and using a particular practice strategy for several days, students are encouraged to modify and adapt it as their practice progresses, and to describe these modifications in their journal.

-0.5-0.75 HARD copy typed

Part 2- 0.25 (3-4 sentences) HARD copy typed- your opinion about any topic or genre of piano music. Briefly state the topic, and then give your opinion.

Total- 1.0 HARD copy typed page due at the beginning of the 4 designated lessons.

Grading

Lessons (10 at 7% each)	70%
Music 1000 Performance	4%
Jury*	10%
Sight Reading Tests (4, 2% each)	8%
Studio Class Attendance (1% each)	4%
Practice Blogs (4, 1% each)	4%
Bonus Points (must be approved)	4 Bonus Points
(additional Recital Hour performance, attend off campus piano concert and write a report, attend GMTA session and write report, etc)	

*Failure to complete the jury will result in an automatic grade of F for the entire course unless you have an extreme emergency.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 27	Studio Class #1 Introduction to Syllabus
Sept 3	no lesson Labor Day
Sept 17	Studio Class #2
Sept 17-19	Sight Reading Test #1
Sept 24-26	Practice Journal #1 due
Oct 1-3	Must Own Music Scores-affects Lesson Grade
Oct 8-10	Sight Reading Test #2-with Fun Surprise
Oct 15-17	Practice Journal #2 due
Oct 22-24	Sight Reading Test #3
Oct 29	Studio Class #3
Oct 29-31	Practice Journal #3 due
Nov 1-2	GMTA Conference- UGA optional
Nov 12-14	Sight Reading Test #4-with Fun Surprise
Nov 26-28	Practice Journal #4
Dec 3	Studio Class #4
Dec 10-14	Piano Juries TBD