



## COURSE OUTLINE

**MUS121**

Course Number

**Piano I**

Course title

1  
Credits

0 lecture/2 lab  
Hours

**Catalog description:**

Fundamentals of piano playing, covers music reading, chords, various accompaniment styles, coordination of both hands, and sight-reading skills. Group instruction is given via an electro-piano lab. College pianos are available for practice. No prior piano instruction necessary.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Corequisites:** None

**Required texts/other materials:**

Heerema, Elmer. *Progressive Class Piano* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), Alfred Publishing, Inc., 1984.

**Last revised:** Fall 2018

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## **A. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide keyboard instruction to students with no musical background. *(MCCC Core Skills B, D, F, and G)*
2. Introduce the fundamentals of rhythm, music notation, and sight reading. *(MCCC Core Skills B)*
3. Develop proper sitting and hand position at the piano. *(MCCC Core Skills B)*
4. Teach key signatures, scales, and chords. *(MCCC Core Skills B and D)*
5. Introduce the skills of transposition and harmonization. *(MCCC Core Skills B and D)*
6. Develop the ability to perform simple 2-part pieces with a basic understanding of tempo, dynamics, style and pedaling. *(MCCC Core Skills B, D, and F)*

### **Course-specific General Education Knowledge Goals and Core Skills**

**Goal B. Critical Thinking and Problem-solving.** Students will use critical thinking and problem solving skills in analyzing information.

**Goal D. Information Literacy.** Students will recognize when information is needed and have the knowledge and skills to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information for college level work.

**Goal F. Collaboration and Cooperation.** Students will develop the interpersonal skills required for effective performance in group situations.

## **B. COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR TESTING AND EVALUATION**

1. Regular attendance.
2. Consistent practice and preparation of daily assignments
3. Two tests and quizzes.
4. Positive attitude and effort.

## **C. ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Attendance is taken at each class. Two unexcused absences are allowed. Additional unexcused absences will lower your grade by one letter. Absences due to sickness or emergency may be excused by contacting via email or by leaving a note in the Music Office, CM156. You are responsible for finding out the day's assignment. **If you do not show up for a test, you will fail that test.**

**E. TOPICAL OUTLINE**

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>MATERIAL COVERED</u>
1-2	Learning the keyboard, finger numbers, rhythms, intervals, major patterns, transpositions. <i>pp. 4-21, p. 53, handouts</i>
3-4	Playing in parallel and contrary motion, imitation and blocked intervals. <i>pp. 22-28, p. 51</i>
5	Combining all musical textures <i>pp. 28-31, 52</i>
6	Duet playing <i>pp. 32-35, handouts</i>
7	Scales, repertoire <i>pp. 36-37</i>
8	Harmonizing and improvising <i>pp. 41-50</i>
9	Review for <b>MIDTERM</b> test
10	Key of D, A and E major; eighth notes. <i>pp. 95, 98</i>
11	Pedal, accent, staccato, 8 <sup>va</sup> and tied notes. <i>pp. 61-62, handouts</i>
12	New hand position, legato 3rds, Alberti bass <i>pp. 64-65, 67, 96</i>
13	Repertoire <i>p.66</i> Dotted quarter notes, eighth rests <i>pp. 68, 70, 98</i>
14	Duet playing <i>p. 72-75</i>
15	Review for final, repertoire <i>pp. 78-79</i>

**Student Success Coach:** Mercer students have a Student Success Coach available to support their efforts during their first semester through graduation. Students can connect with a Coach by emailing [Successcoach@mccc.edu](mailto:Successcoach@mccc.edu) or calling 570-3451. [www.mccc.edu/coaching](http://www.mccc.edu/coaching) has useful information about coaching and student success. For additional information, please contact:  
Latonya Ashford Ligon at 570-3292 or by email [ashfordl@mccc.edu](mailto:ashfordl@mccc.edu).

**Academic Advising after your first semester:** Faculty advisors provide help with completing your major after your first semester. Your faculty advisor should be listed on the MyMercer portal. If you need further assistance please contact your division Executive Assistant.

Liberal Arts: Debbie Stotland LA162 570-3378 [Stotland@mccc.edu](mailto:Stotland@mccc.edu)  
Business & Stem: Doris Geck BS134 570-3482 [Geckd@mccc.edu](mailto:Geckd@mccc.edu)  
Health Professions: Barbara Pieslak MS126 570-3383 [pieslakb@mccc.edu](mailto:pieslakb@mccc.edu)

**Use your “MyMercer” Portal:** Your “MyMercer” portal contains your MercerMail, financial information, class schedule, grades, your advisor and other information. Check your “MyMercer” portal every day. Visit [www.mccc.edu/mymercer](http://www.mccc.edu/mymercer) to access your portal.

**Center for Inclusion, Transition and Accessibility: Arlene Stinson, Director:**

Mercer County Community College recognizes disability as an aspect of diversity and the Center for Transition, Inclusion and Accessibility works to ensure inclusive learning environments by encouraging the college community to examine accessibility and through the delivery of effective academic accommodations to qualified individuals. Mercer County Community College is in compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

For information on Universal Design for Learning, information regarding meeting the needs of students with disabilities, or information regarding the provision of academic accommodations please visit the Center for Transition, Inclusion and Accessibility in LB216 or contact:

Arlene Stinson [stinsona@mccc.edu](mailto:stinsona@mccc.edu), Lisa Ward [wardl@mccc.edu](mailto:wardl@mccc.edu) or Susan Onaitis [onaitiss@mccc.edu](mailto:onaitiss@mccc.edu)

**Tutorial Center: Charles Haas, Director**

Tutoring Center services are free and available for all students. Drop in or contact the following to schedule an appointment.

Charles Haas (WWC), LB214, 570-3452, [haasc@mccc.edu](mailto:haasc@mccc.edu)  
Angela Frumin, (TC) 311, [frumina@mccc.edu](mailto:frumina@mccc.edu) or John Kashmer, (WWC), LB214, [kashmerj@mccc.edu](mailto:kashmerj@mccc.edu)

**Career and Transfer Center:** Planning to go to work or to transfer to a 4-year college after completing your Mercer degree? Contact the Career and Transfer Center for support and advice.

Letrice Thomas (WWC transfer services), SC201, 570-3397, [thomasl@mccc.edu](mailto:thomasl@mccc.edu)

**Counseling Services:** Are you experiencing personal challenges, feeling overwhelmed? Are you having stress and anxiety? Counseling services are available free of charge. Contact:

Dorothy Gasparro Ed.S, LPC, NCC, SC239, 570-3354, [gasparrd@mccc.edu](mailto:gasparrd@mccc.edu)

**Veteran’s Services:** If you are currently serving or have served in the US Armed Forces, or are a family member of someone who has, our Veterans Services Team is here to help you optimize your education benefits. Contact:

John Becker, SC220, 570-3240 or Jennifer Whitfield, SC222, 570-3269, [whitfie@mccc.edu](mailto:whitfie@mccc.edu) or [vets@mccc.edu](mailto:vets@mccc.edu)

**Important Fall 2018 dates:**

09/11/18 – Last day for 100% refund

09/30/18– Start FASFA for spring

10/02/18 – 10-week semester starts

11/09/18 – Last day to withdraw from 14-week class

**Academic Integrity Policy**

As stated in the student handbook, “A student will be guilty of violating academic integrity if he/she (a) knowingly represents the work of others as his/her own, (b) uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in the execution of academic work, or (c) gives fraudulent assistance to another student.” Students should read the Academic Integrity policy in the MCCC Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

***Academic Dishonesty will result in failure of this course.***

**Accommodations**

Mercer County Community College is committed to ensuring the full participation of all students in its programs. If you have a documented differing ability or think that you may have a differing ability that is protected under the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact Arlene Stinson in LB 216 [stinsona@mccc.edu](mailto:stinsona@mccc.edu) for information regarding support services.

**Financial Aid Application Statement**

It is recommended that student complete an application for financial aid to determine eligibility for financial assistance. Visit [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov) to complete your application. Applications should be completed **before** December 1, 2018. Students who are interested in MCCC Foundation scholarships are expected to complete an application as well.