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General Syllabus
MUSC 2171 Class Piano IV

Credit Hours: 1

Participation Hours: 2

Prerequisite: MUSC 2161 Class Piano III or consent of instructor

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Continues the instruction of MUSC 2161. Further instruction in developing intermediate level keyboard skills, which includes scales, arpeggios, and chord patterns and inversions in all major and minor keys; harmonization and improvisation of melodies and chord patterns; and performance of a prepared intermediate level piano composition.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Play I-IV-V-I patterns in major and minor keys using root position chords and their inversions
2. Play I-vi-ii-V-I and I-IV-V/V-V-I patterns in all major keys using root position chords
3. Play all major and minor scales (hands together), 2 octaves
4. Play all major and minor arpeggios (hands together), 2 octaves
5. Sight read a simple hymn
6. Harmonize and improvise melodies
7. Play accompaniments (using root position triads and inversions) to vocal melodies
8. Perform an intermediate level solo piano composition.

B. University Learning Outcomes

MUSC 2171 Class Piano IV enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking

Students will draw conclusions and/or solve problems using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of musical performance

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently using proper musical terminology; personal expression within the context of a musical performance.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes whether in musical research, presentation, or performance.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will appreciate and reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Basic hand positions
- B. Scale fingerings
- C. Chord structures and inversions
- D. Sight reading
- E. Repertoire performances