

## COURSE OUTLINE

### **Music 161 Piano II**

#### **I. Catalog Statement**

Music 161 advances the beginning pianist's fundamental skills. Emphasis will be given to beginning concepts of interpretation and tone coloring,

Units – 2.0

Lecture Hours – 2.0

Prerequisite: Music 160 or equivalent.

Note: This course may be taken a maximum of two times for a total of four units.

#### **II. Course Entry Expectations**

Skills Level Ranges: Reading 4; Writing 3; Listening/Speaking 4+; Math 2

Prior to enrolling in the course, the student should be able to:

1. apply the basic techniques of piano playing in beginning piano repertoire;
2. model basic posture for playing piano;
3. play all white-key major scales and primary chords, hands separately;
4. perform beginning piano literature, both hands together at a level of “Theme from Mozart's Sonata in A“, arranged by Bastien.

#### **III. Course Exit Standards**

Upon successful completion of the required coursework, the student will be able to:

1. apply the basic techniques of piano playing in early-intermediate piano repertoire;
2. model basic posture for playing piano;
3. play all white-key major scales, primary chords, and inversions, hands together;
4. perform early-intermediate piano literature at a level of “Bagatelle” by Diabelli.

#### **IV. Course Content**

A. Major Scales in two octaves, primary chords, and inversions, hands together (C, G, D, A, E, F, B)	10 hours
B. Performance repertoire	24 hours
F. Sight reading	8 hours
G. Technical exercises	6 hours

**V. Methods of Presentation**

The following instructional methodologies may be used in the course:

1. lecture and demonstration;
2. instructor-directed practice;
3. discussion and review.

**VI. Assignments and Methods of Evaluation**

1. Performance exams;
2. Classroom observation;
3. Objective exams.

**VII. Textbook(s)**

Bastien, J. The Older Beginner Piano Course, Level 2  
San Diego: Kjos, 1977  
Grade textbook level. ISBN:0-8497-5030-X

Palmer, W. Intermediate Musicianship, Book 2.  
Van Nuys: Alfred Publishing, 1988  
Grade textbook level. ISBN:0-7390-2719-0

Sheftel, P. Crème de la crème.  
Van Nuys: Alfred Publishing, 1987  
Grade textbook level, ISBN: 0-7390-1704-7