

**Sul Ross State University, Fall 2014**

**MUS 1111 001: Individual Instruction: Piano**

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**FAB 107**

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**Student Learning Objectives for this course:**

1. The student will make significant progress in learning technical piano skills, including accurate note reading, optimal fingering, appropriate dynamics and phrasing.
2. The student will make significant progress in learning functional piano skills, such as scales, sight reading, and harmonization of melodies.
3. The student will gain a greater knowledge of piano literature.
4. The student will learn, polish and perform at least one piece of appropriate difficulty for his or her level at a Piano Class during the semester.
5. The student will be able to critique a musical performance, including his or her own, with specific feedback regarding accuracy and musicality.
6. The student will attain greater confidence and satisfaction as a pianist.

**Required Texts:**

*Alfred's Complete Book of Scales, Chords, Arpeggios & Cadences* (in bookstore)

*Alfred's Basic Adult All-in-One Piano Course, Level 1* (in bookstore)

*The Campfire Songbook* (see instructor)

Other piano literature will be assigned on an individual basis

**Requirements:**

1. Attend all lessons. We will establish a mutually acceptable 30-minute lesson time during the first week of class, and that will be your lesson time for the rest of the semester. Excused absences will be made up at the instructor's discretion.
2. Practice: For MUS 1111 (one 30-minute lesson per week), the SRSU catalog states that you must *average* at least 5 hours practice per week. Weekly practice goals will be established at each lesson. Please bring a notebook to your lessons to write down these goals.
3. Make measurable progress on learning new technical skills (scales, sight reading, harmonization of melodies, piano literature). These skills allow you to become a working, collaborative pianist.
4. Attend both Piano Classes during the semester.
5. Successfully learn, polish and perform at least one piece of appropriate difficulty at a Piano Class during the semester.
6. After observing a musical performance at a Music Program Recital or Concert during the semester, present a written critique of that performance with specific feedback regarding accuracy and musicality. Hard copy due no later than Monday, December 8, 2014, 5:00 pm.
7. At the end of the semester, present a written critique of your progress on learning technical and functional piano skills and literature. Hard copy due no later than Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, 5:00 pm.

**Grading:** Consistent with the above requirements, your semester grade will be determined as follows:

1. Weekly Lessons: 6% each x 12 = 72%: To earn full points for a lesson, arrive on time with weekly practice goals accomplished.
2. Attendance at both Piano Classes: 4% each x 2 = 8%.
3. Performance at one Piano Class: 5%.
4. Attendance at 1 Music Program Recital or Concert: 5%.
5. Written assignments:
  - a. End of Semester Personal Progress Evaluation: 5%
  - b. Critique of Recital Performance: 5%

**Schedule:**

Weeks 1-4 (Aug. 25-Sep. 19): scales and chords, repertoire

Weeks 5-13 (Sep. 22-Nov. 21): scales and chords, sight reading, melody harmonization, repertoire

Week 14 (Nov. 24-28): No lessons, Thanksgiving holiday

Week 15 (Dec. 1-3): scales and chords, sight reading, melody harmonization, repertoire, interpretation, performance

**Program Learning Outcomes for Music are:**

The graduating student will demonstrate that he/she:

1. Is able to integrate appropriate musical expression into performance
2. Is able to prepare appropriate program notes
3. Is able to evaluate and critique a musical performance
4. Has a general knowledge of music history

**Accommodating Students with Disabilities:**

Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartz, M. Ed., L.P.C., in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas 79832. Telephone: 432-837-8203. E-mail: mschwartz@sulross.edu.

# SRSU Music Schedule Fall 2014



<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Monday, August 25	Classes begin	
Wednesday, August 27, 5:30 pm	Music Major Meeting	FAB 200
Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 pm	Winds/Percussion Studio Class	FAB 100
Saturday, September 20, 1:00 pm	Home Football Game	Jackson Field
Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 pm	Studio Class	FAB 200
Saturday, September 27, 1:00 pm	Home Football Game	Jackson Field
Saturday, September 27, 7:00 pm	Tres Vidas	Marshall Auditorium
Monday, September 29, All day	Marching Invitational	Jackson Field
Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 pm	Winds/Percussion Studio Class	FAB 100
Thursday, October 9, 7:30 pm	Wind Ensemble/Concert Choir Feat. Composition Contest Winners	Marshall Auditorium
Saturday, October 11, 1:00 pm	Home Football Game	Jackson Field
Sunday, October 12, 3:00 pm	Alpine Community Band	Marshall Auditorium
Wednesday, October 15, 5:30 pm	Studio Class	FAB 200
Wednesday, October 22, 5:30 pm	Piano Studio Class	FAB 107
Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 pm	Winds/Percussion Studio Class	FAB 100
Friday, November 7, 6:00 pm	Guest Recital – Chris and Heather Dobbins	St. James Episcopal
Saturday, November 8, 1:00 pm	Home Football Game	Jackson Field
Saturday, November 8, 7:30 pm	Guest Recital, Dominic & Nayeli Dousa, piano	Studio Theater
Sunday, November 9, 2:00 pm	Masterclass – Nayeli Dousa, piano	FAB 200
Saturday, November 15, TBA	Homecoming Parade	Downtown Alpine
Saturday, November 15, 1:00 pm	Homecoming Football Game	Jackson Field
Monday, November 17, TBA	Mariachi and Jazz Ensemble	Marshall Auditorium
Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 pm	Studio Class: RECITAL HEARING	FAB 200
Friday, November 21, 6:00 pm	Mariachi/Jazz at Artwalk	Transpecos Bank
Saturday, November 22, TBA	Artwalk Parade	Downtown Alpine
Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 pm	Piano Studio Class	FAB 107
Thursday, December 4, 7:30 pm	Wind Ensemble/Concert Choir Feat. Fred J. Allen	Marshall Auditorium
Friday, December 5, noon	Student Recital Rehearsal	Studio Theater
Friday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.	Guest Recital – Lana Potts, organ	St. James Episcopal
Sunday, December 7, 3:00 pm	Alpine Community Band	Marshall Auditorium
Sunday, December 7, 7:30 pm	Student Recital	Studio Theater
Wednesday, December 10, TBA	Music Juries	TBA

## Individual Piano Lessons Lesson Grading Rubric

### Piano Majors:

- 5 = Prepared above and beyond level of assignment  
Exceptional eagerness to learn  
Notes and rhythms are accurate  
Artistic use of style, tempo, phrasing and dynamics
- 4 = Can play entire assignment with few mistakes  
Eager to learn  
Notes and rhythms mostly accurate  
Consistent use of expressive elements
- 3 = Can play entire assignment with average ability  
Few excuses, ready to learn  
Inconsistent note and rhythmic accuracy  
Inconsistent use of expressive elements
- 2 = Can play some of assignment  
Somewhat negative attitude or excuses  
Many note and/or rhythmic inaccuracies  
Little use of expressive elements
- 1 = Unable to play assignment  
Unwilling to learn  
Minimal note and/or rhythmic accuracy  
No use of expressive elements
- 0 = Missed lesson

### Non-Piano Majors:

- 6 = Prepared above and beyond level of assignment  
Exceptional eagerness to learn  
Notes and rhythms are accurate  
Artistic use of style, tempo, phrasing and dynamics
- 5 = Can play entire assignment with few mistakes  
Eager to learn  
Notes and rhythms mostly accurate  
Consistent use of expressive elements
- 4 = Can play entire assignment with average ability  
Few excuses, ready to learn  
Inconsistent note and rhythmic accuracy  
Inconsistent use of expressive elements
- 3 = Can play some of assignment  
Somewhat negative attitude or excuses  
Many note and/or rhythmic inaccuracies  
Little use of expressive elements
- 2 = Unable to play assignment  
Unwilling to learn  
Minimal note and/or rhythmic accuracy  
No use of expressive elements
- 0 = Missed lesson