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CENTRAL TEXAS™

MUAP 4269: Private Instruction VII: Piano

Meeting Time: TBA

PAC 703

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Course Information

Program Goal

Texas A&M University-Central Texas students, upon completion of certification requirements, will be reflective professional educators who make effective educational decisions that support the creation of dynamic learning environments.

Course Overview and Description: MUSI 4269

The purpose of this course is to introduce and advance the technical and musical skill of the performer through the individual study of classical piano literature, theory, and technique. The lessons are scheduled once per week for 60 minutes.

Technique, Skills, and Repertoire

Minimum competencies for each level of individual lessons are as follows:

Level 5 – Major Scales in all 12 major keys played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 80). Chords consisting of major triads, root position and inversions, hands separately. Arpeggios of major triads played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 72). Keyboard reading of melodies and simple two-hand textures. Transposition of melodies in major keys. Harmonization of melodies in major keys using I/IV/V7 and primary chords in lead sheet notation.

Level 6 – Scales in all 12 major keys and white-key minor key harmonic minor played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 80). Chords consisting of major and white-key minor triads, root position and inversions, hands separately. Arpeggios of major and white-key minor triads played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 72). Keyboard reading of melodies and simple two-hand textures. Score reading involving two lines for non-transposing parts. Transposition of melodies in major and white minor keys. Harmonization of melodies in major keys using I/IV/V7 and primary chords in lead sheet notation. With time permitting, other skills explored will be improvisation, playing by ear, and ensemble playing.

Level 7 – Scales in all major and harmonic minor keys played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 80). Chords consisting of major and white-key minor cadences, triads in root position and inversions, hands separately. Arpeggios of major and minor triads played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 72). Keyboard reading of 4-voice chorale textures prepared in advance. Transposition of melodies in major and white minor keys at sight, and with chordal accompaniment prepared in advance. Harmonization of melodies in major keys using I/IV/V7 at sight, and

primary chords in lead sheet notation prepared in advance. Improvisation and playing-by-ear activities as time and individual abilities permit.

Level 8 – Scales in all major, harmonic minor, and melodic minor keys played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 80). Chords consisting of major and minor cadences, triads in root position and inversions, hands separately. Arpeggios of major and minor triads in root position played two octaves, hands separately (1/8-note = mm. 72). Keyboard reading of different textures, including score reading with varying part numbers and chorales prepared in advance. Transposition of melodies in major and minor keys at sight, and with chordal accompaniment prepared in advance. Harmonization of melodies in major and minor keys using I/IV/V7 at sight, and primary chords in lead sheet notation prepared in advance. Improvisation and playing-by-ear activities as time and individual abilities permit.

Final juries should also include technical etudes or solo compositions as assigned by their individual instructor. The individual instructors will select this music based on an individual student's current performing level.

Required Materials

All required music will be purchased by the student. Music will be assigned on the basis of individual needs.

Other Required Materials:

Pencils and a notebook for practice logs must be brought to every class meeting.

Course Requirements

Evaluation & Assessment (Grading Criteria)

The grade for this class will be based on the following: 80% will be on weekly lesson grades based on preparation for that individual lesson, 10% on Midterm Jury/Student Recital Performance and 10% on Final Jury. Each student is required to keep a notebook with their weekly lesson assignments. Students will be expected to practice at least 1 hour per day. Weekly lesson grades will be based on 3 items: attendance, promptness (this includes being warmed up for your lesson), and preparation.

Evaluation Summary

Grades will be assigned on the following basis:

A = 90 –100 represents exceptional demonstration of deep, coherent, unified understandings

B = 80 – 89.9 represents proficient overall understanding

C = 70 – 79.9 represents acceptable understanding in most areas of theory and practice

D = 60 – 69.9 represents developing understanding with some critical deficiencies

F = 59.9 < represents unsatisfactory understanding with significant deficiencies remaining

Attendance

There are no unexcused absences. The semester letter grade will be lowered one letter grade for each missed lesson. You may be excused from your lesson for illness, school activities, or family emergencies. You must inform the instructor before missing in order to be excused.

What You Can Expect From Me

- A commitment to help you grow as a professional educator.
- Feedback in the form of graded assignments within 1 week in most cases.
- I check emails regularly and will return them within 24 hours on weekdays, and within 48 hours on weekends.
- I will be prepared for class, so I expect the same from you.
- Respect and professionalism.

Texas A&M University-Central Texas Mission Statement

Texas A&M University-Central Texas is an upper-level university offering junior and senior-level coursework needed to successfully complete baccalaureate degrees and all coursework leading to the completion of graduate degrees. The University is committed to high quality, rigorous, and innovative learning experiences, and prepares students for lifelong learning through excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship.

Mode of Instruction & Course Access

This course is a hybrid course and uses TAMUCT Canvas system (<https://tamuct.instructure.com/login/canvas>) as a supplement to the face-to-face learning opportunities. You will use the Canvas username and password communicated to you separately to login to this system.

Student-Instructor Interaction

I am readily available during scheduled class time and posted office hours. Other meeting times are by appointment.

911 Cellular

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

911Cellular is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in 911Cellular through their myCT email account.

Connect at [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management) [https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Texas-AM-Central/alert-management] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in 911Cellular, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

Technology Requirements & Support

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [https://tamuct.instructure.com].

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address) Password: Your MyCT password

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select "Chat with Canvas Support," submit a support request through "Report a Problem," or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central.

24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [http://hdc.tamu.edu]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

University Procedures & Policies

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf) [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar's Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar's Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar's Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct.

A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action. Honesty and integrity are essential characteristics for teachers. Students are required to act honestly and professionally at all times.

Any Violation of the Academic Integrity Policy will result in failure of the class (student will receive an "F").

Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion at (254) 501-5831. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html) web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/access-inclusion.html].

Important Information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit the [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) web page [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines online](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf), please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 519-5796, or by emailing Dr. DeEadra Albert-Green at deeadra.albertgreen@tamuct.edu.

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive FREE online tutoring and writing support. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students may arrange a one-on-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via [WCOnline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) at [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu for any assistance needed with scheduling.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

If you have any questions about the UWC, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu.

University Library

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index]

Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

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