

Beginning Piano 1

MUSH 001 257

Credits: 0.5 units / 5 hours

Course Description

Students learn to play scales, arpeggios, chords, cadences and simple selections in the keys of C, G, D, A and E major. Their skill development continues as they study terminology, rhythm and transposition. Progress Tests 1 and 2 are the proctor's review of student's demonstrations of their skills as they play selected pieces. Progress Test 3 is student's written test. As a concluding activity, students arrange and present a recital for friends and family.

Course Objectives

When you have completed the materials in this course, you should be able to:

1. Read notation in bass and treble clefs.
2. Demonstrate appropriate body, arm, and hand positions for playing the piano.
3. Reproduce basic rhythms in the time signatures 4/8, 3/8, 2/4, 4/4, and 6/8.
4. Play several pieces from memory.
5. Play scales and/or pieces in the keys of C, G, D, A, and E major.
6. Transpose several scales and pieces from one major key to another.
7. Present a recital for family members.

Course Outline

Unit 1: Getting Started

Lesson 1: The Piano Keyboard; How the Piano Works

Lesson 2: The Staff; Notation

Lesson 3: Notes and Rests, Body Position, Rhythm, Time Signatures, First Pieces

Lesson 4: New Notes; Left-hand Drills; Two new pieces

Demonstration 1

Unit 2:

Lesson 5: Accent, Accompaniment, and the C Scale

Lesson 6: Steps, Sharps, and Flats; Variations on a Melody

Lesson 7: Scale Building and Transposition

Demonstration 2

Lesson 8: The Metronome and Mozart

Lesson 9: A Private Recital, a Legend, and Review

Demonstration 3

A Home Piano Recital

Required Textbook and Materials

(available through Follett virtual bookstore at <http://highschool.nebraska.bkstr.com>)

Steps for the Young Pianist, First Steps by Hazel Gertrude Kinscella. G. Schirmer, Inc. (This textbook is available only through the University of Nebraska High School.)

a metronome (A digital model may be purchased through the UNHS, but you may use any model that is available to you.)

Optional Materials

Beginning Piano DVD. Scales, chord progressions, arpeggios, rhythm drills, and problem areas in specific assigned pieces are demonstrated on this DVD. These videos are also provided through online access in the course.