

Public Academy for the Performing Arts Beginning Piano

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Please note: Students must use their PAPA email address when contacting instructor by email.

This syllabus describes general course content, requirements and materials. However, all aspects of this description are subject to my revision in order to best tailor the course to the needs of students, calendar, and circumstance

Course Description

This course will focus on development of basic musicianship skills such as:
Reading musical notation
Playing solo and ensemble piano pieces
Understanding of chords and scales
Tempo
Rhythm
Performance

Repertoire\Worksheets 30% Quizzes 20% Participation 20% Final Performance 30%

100% - 96% A+ 95% - 93% A 92% - 90% A
89% - 86% B+ 85% - 83% B 82% - 80% B
79% - 76% C+ 75% - 73% C 72% - 70% C
69% - 66% D+ 65% - 63% D 62% - 60% D

59% and below is an F

School Concerts

Participation in school concerts is mandatory and counts for 30% of your final semester grade. Concert dress will be a black button down shirt or blouse and black pants. Only ankle length black skirts are acceptable. Students are free to wear silly socks in place of black dress socks. Medical or catastrophic emergencies are acceptable excuses for missing a concert without a grade penalty. Documentation may be required. Not having a ride or not being able to miss work will not be excusable reasons for missing a school concert and result in a grade penalty up to failing the semester.

Google Classroom

We will utilize google classroom for the posting of daily class agendas, assignments, announcements, and other important information.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to join the google classroom. Students will be given the code to their specific section in class. These codes are not to be shared with any person outside of PAPA. Codes are class specific and should not be shared with peers outside of the specific class section.

Remind

We will use the Remind app as an alternative form of communication. Parents and students are free to contact me on Remind with questions pertaining to school related topics. Remind is a good way to quickly get a hold of me in case of an emergency or any situation requiring a quick response.

To join my Remind send a text message to: **81010**

Type **@papagu** in the message field, hit send, and follow the instructions.

Students under the age of 13 will have special instructions to follow and will need parent/guardian permission to join.

Grading Criteria

Students will be graded on an individual basis by the instructor and will be asked to demonstrate their progress towards achieving the course learning objectives. This demonstration will take place during class as a quiz. Each student will perform/demonstrate a portion of the assigned material from the preceding weeks. This include assigned pieces/parts, scales, chords, techniques, and theory. Students will be graded on their ability to perform all of the material included in the quiz along with accuracy of notes, rhythms, left/right hand posture, and finger placement. Tempo will not be considered as part of your quiz grade. You are free to play at a tempo that you are comfortable with. However, a steady tempo must be maintained and concert tempo should be achieved prior to performance. After the student performs the instructor will provide constructive feedback and suggest ways to improve as needed.

Classroom Etiquette

Above all students are expected to be respectful and willing to learn.

Students should enter the classroom in a c

Raise your hand when you have a question and feel free to ask questions at appropriate times.

Bathroom breaks should be taken during passing periods.

Any student who either intentionally or through irresponsible treatment damages a school instrument will be held financially responsible for the replacement of the school instrument. If a case arises where a student has intentionally damaged or destroyed any instrument, that student will no longer have access to any school instruments and will complete alternative assignments for the remainder of the academic calendar.

Cell phones

Cell phone use is not permitted during class time.

Students who do not wish to follow these guidelines of conduct and etiquette will be placed on a behavior contract and may be excluded from participation in guitar related events outside of the classroom. Please refer to the PAPA Student Handbook for further information on academic/conduct expectations for students, and the administrative discipline process.

Playing Quiz

Students will perform a section from their assigned pieces for the class on Fridays. Students will be given a grade on their weekly progress.

Concerts

Performing in the semester concert is mandatory. Concert date will be announced in class and posted on google classroom.