

A M E R I C A N U N I V E R S I T Y O F K U W A I T

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**Applied Music Instruction
MUSC 110 /310 (1, 2, 3 Credits)
PIANO**

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Description:

Through applied lessons on the piano students develop and increase technical proficiency, become familiar with the standard repertory, and develop and increase their level of musicality. This is accomplished through a variety of means, including work on scales, technical studies, etudes, sight-reading, and assigned pieces, depending on the needs and ability of the student. Repertoire studied will be primarily from western classical literature.

Students enrolled in applied music lessons will receive a one-hour lesson per week for the semester. The student may be charged an extra music fee beyond the cost of the credit(s). A student can only sign up for one section of MUSC 110 at any single time. However, MUSC 110 can be repeated for credit if the previous grade was a C or higher. The lessons will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time for the instructor and student. Any lessons missed by the instructor will be made up at a mutually agreeable time. Students are expected to attend all lessons unless they have a valid medical excuse.

Course Objectives:

- 1.) To learn to read music notation.
- 2.) To develop an understanding of music fundamentals and theory.
- 3.) To develop the ability to analyse describe and listen to music.
- 4.) To develop the basics of proper playing technique on the piano.
- 5.) To develop the ability to play the piano using both hands and to perform musical pieces as a solo or as a duet with an instructor.
- 6.) To expose the student to standard introductory literature of the piano.

Educational Outcomes: Students will successfully complete a jury at the end of each semester, which will include at a minimum the performance of one or more works/movements from assigned compositions from the semester and scales as determined by the instructor.

CLASS MATERIALS: You are expected to have access to an appropriate instrument. Your instructor will advise you as to the specifics of the instrument. Your music and class lesson books will be assigned according to your skills and abilities. Some material will be provided by your instructor. Although not needed at lessons, students are expected to obtain a metronome and use it in practice.

GRADING:

The final grade for the semester will be based upon:

Attendance, which is mandatory. Missing 3 or more classes is cause for failure.

Two performance exams.

Jury grade (or recital grade if applicable) (25%).

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM IN A RECITAL OR BEFORE A JURY AT THE END OF EACH SESSION.

Class Textbook:

Bastien - Piano for Adults, Book One (MUSC 110 students only)

ATTENDANCE AND PREPARATION:

1. Attendance/Participation

In applied music study, attendance is vital. Students are expected to be present and on time at their scheduled lesson time. In case of illness, the instructor should be notified by telephone as soon as possible.

Unexcused absences after the first one will result in a drop of a letter grade per absence. Lateness to lessons will also severely impact your grade.

If students miss more than 15% of the class session, **the Academic Advising Center will be notified and students will be asked to withdraw from the course or be prepared to receive an "F"**. See AUK catalog for details.

Medical issues in performance classes/private:

If you have a physical injury during the semester and it prohibits you from practicing and performing during your lesson or class for **more than two weeks**, you should withdraw from the course or be expected to receive a failing grade

2. LESSON GRADES: Preparation and Improvement

Students are expected to come to their lesson with the assigned materials practiced. Students should be properly prepared for the lesson. To this end, it is expected that students will practice at least **half-an-hour per day** (minimum 5 days per week).

Lesson grades will be primarily based upon preparation for lessons and improvement over the course of study. Failure to adequately prepare for a lesson, demonstrated lack of interest in improvement, or failure to meet the expectations listed above or addressed by the instructor will result in deductions from the lesson grade.

Missing lessons will have a major impact on your grade and can result in failing the course. The instructor is not only teaching you during the lesson, but assessing you.

You may fail the course automatically if you have three consecutive absences without notification; you have a pattern of absences; you are consistently tardy; or you fail to prepare for lessons as instructed.

Private lesson instructors are not required to reschedule lessons due to student absences or

tardiness. However, make-up lessons may be given with instructor discretion. As a courtesy, if a student is unable to attend a scheduled lesson, please contact the individual instructor directly at least 24 hours in advance. If the instructor cancels the lesson or is late, the instructor is responsible for making up that lesson time.

Lesson grades will be given based upon the following system:

90-100 - A (example - present on time with all assigned materials, excellent progress on assignments such as scales, etudes, literature, or other projects)

80-89 - B (example - present on time with all assigned materials, good progress on assignments such as scales, etudes, literature, or other projects)

70-79 - C (example - late to lesson and/or missing some assigned materials, "barely adequate" progress on scales, etudes, literature, or other projects)

60-69 - D (example - late to lesson and/or missing some assigned materials, inadequate progress or no sign of improvement on scales, etudes, literature, or other projects)

less than 60 - failing (example - an unexcused absence, no progress on assignments)

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Disability Accommodations:

If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, kindly arrange for an appointment with Dr. Huda Shaaban (hshaaban@auk.edu.kw) at the Counseling Center at the earliest with the understanding that all disability-related accommodations require registration with the Counseling Center and are not applied retroactively.