

Common Course Outline

Music 130

Piano Class I

1 Semester Hour

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Piano Class I provides instruction in elementary piano techniques and music reading skills. This course is offered once a year (spring or fall).

Overall Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the piano keyboard.
2. Read beginning level piano music with moderate fluency.
3. Perform simple transpositions.
4. Harmonize simple melodies.
5. Sight-read level-appropriate pieces.
6. Perform simple improvisations.
7. Perform selected major and minor scales, chord progressions, and arpeggios.
8. Recognize selected key signatures.
9. Play selected solo and ensemble pieces.

Major Topics

1. The piano keyboard
2. Reading music notation
3. Music vocabulary and terminology
4. All five-finger positions
5. Scales, progressions, and arpeggios
6. Simple transposition, harmonization, and improvisation.
7. Sight-reading
8. Solo and ensemble repertoire.

Course Requirements

1. Regular and punctual class attendance
2. Effective use of class time and individual practice time
3. Sufficient practice in preparation for each class

Other Course Information

1. This course is required for all music majors whose major instrument is not piano.
2. This course is taught in a computerized environment.