

A close-up, black and white photograph of piano keys, showing the repeating pattern of black and white keys. The keys are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth. A light blue curved line separates the image from the text below.

Muap 1169, 2169, 3169, 4169 Applied Piano

30 minute lesson per week

Vicki Conway, Instructor

Fall 2025

FAC 1211

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Office Hours / Contact Information

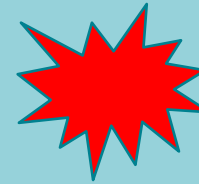
Instructor Contact information

- vconway@uttyler.edu (preferred - anytime)
- 903-566-7293 (office)
- 903-238-6121 (text) – please avoid nights/weekends

Office Location: FAC 1221

Office Hours (check office door for any updates)

- Monday: 3:00 – 3:30
- Tuesday: 10:00 – 10:30 & 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday: 9:00 – 10:00
- Thursday: 10:00 – 10:30
- By Appointment - send an email request with your available times



FREE TUTORING!!!

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Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Course Objectives

Develop and improve technical, musical, and performing skills on piano through standard classical and pedagogical repertoire

Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, students will sightread and perform technical skills and repertoire appropriate for each level of study and degree emphasis as outlined below

Requirements by Course Level

1000 level

- 2 'quick study' pieces within current reading ability level

- 1-2 memorized repertoire selections from memory, ranging from levels 1 – 5 or higher depending on previous study and skill level as assessed by the instructor

- Sightreading in lesson and as assigned

2000 level

- 2 'quick study' pieces within current reading ability level

- 1-2 memorized repertoire selections ranging from levels 3 - 6 or higher, depending on skill level

- Sightreading in lesson and as assigned

3000 level

- 3 'quick study' pieces within current reading ability level

- 1-2 memorized repertoire selections ranging from levels 7 – 8 or higher, depending on skill level

- Sightreading in lesson and as assigned

4000 level

- 3 'quick study' pieces within current reading ability level

- 1-2 memorized repertoire selections ranging from levels 8 or higher, depending on previous study and skill level

- Sightreading in lesson and as assigned

Performance Requirements (minimum)

- Secondary Instrument and Electives (non piano major/minor)
 - Not required, but optional and encouraged
- Music minor
 - 1 performance in either community outreach, studio recital, or student recital
- BA and Piano Concentrations
 - 2 community outreach performances and studio recital

Note: *Required* community performances are not graded, but each *unexcused* absence will lower the weekly lesson average by 5 points

Course Calendar

Weeks 1-2: Solidify Course Expectations

- Technique Requirements
- Quick Study Selections
- Repertoire selections
- Sightreading Level & Goals

Census Date: September 8

Weeks 3-4: Solidify Performance Expectations

- Studio Classes
- Community Outreach Programs
- Student Recitals
- Studio Recital
- Jury

Weeks 5-14:

- Demonstrate weekly focus goals, receiving process-based assessments
- Fulfill performance requirements

Technique Jury: Thursday, October 9

Withdrawal Deadline: November 4

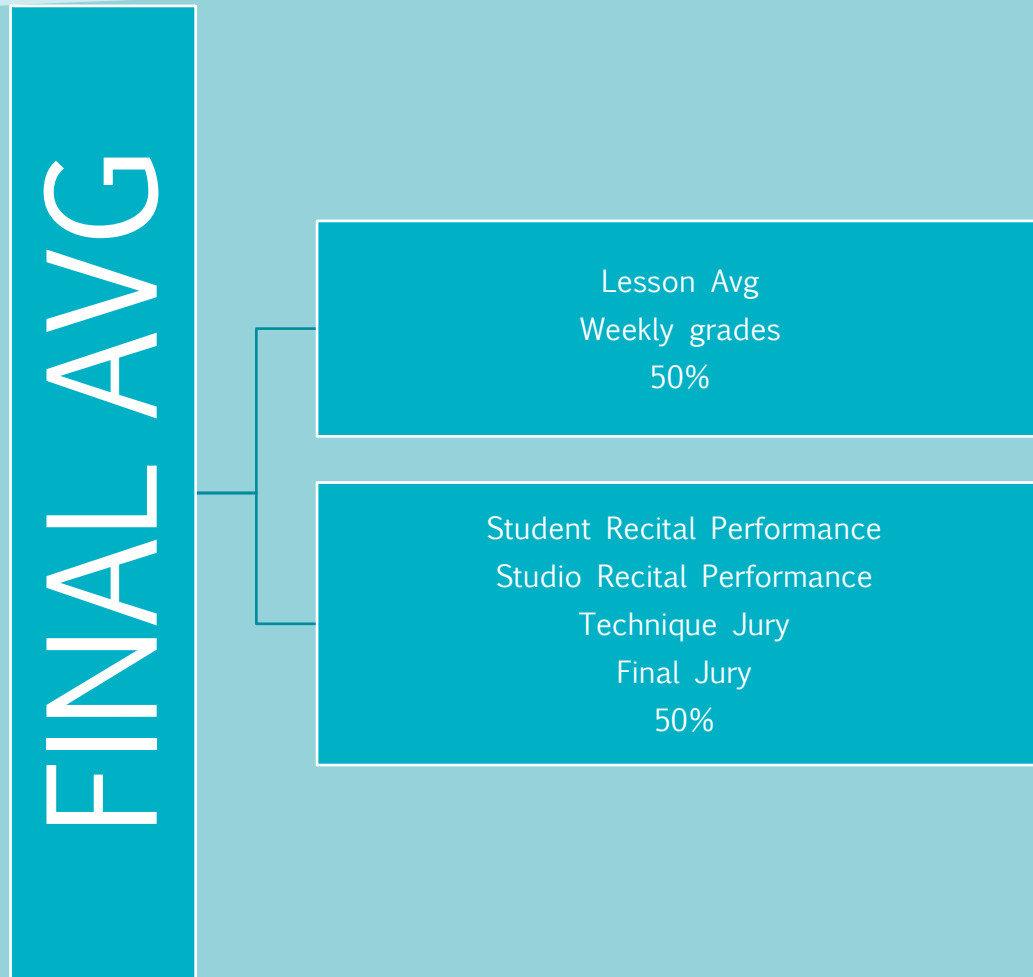
Finals Week: Repertoire Jury

- Monday, December 8 10:15 – 12:15 a.m.

Special Course Notes

- **Attendance** is expected at all lessons and advance notice is required if missing a lesson for illness or other excused absence, for which documentation may be required. A grade of zero will be assigned for any unexcused absence. It is the student's responsibility to request make-up lessons for excused absences. Students may occasionally be asked to reschedule lessons by the instructor and advance notice and reason will always be given.
- **Required materials:** All repertoire must be purchased or legally downloaded at the beginning of each semester. Students may not perform any selection in public or in jury that has not been legally obtained.
- **Meeting minimum practice requirements per week is expected.** Set a daily schedule to evenly divide required hours over 5-7 days. A Learning Goals Spreadsheet is recommended for a practicing outline to help you complete all requirements by performance or jury dates. It should be followed closely and brought to each lesson to mark progress. Some flexibility is permitted, but consistent failure to meet weekly goals indicates a need for either more time &/or more efficient use of practice time.
- Weekly grades are based on meeting both practice expectations and learning goals worked out in each lesson. Learning mindful practicing skills is imperative to success in the course and lessons will focus on specific strategies as needed. Weekly grades will be posted in Canvas so that you can track your grade throughout the semester.
- Studio Class will meet every Thursday at 12:30 and is required for all BA degrees with piano emphasis and music minors/secondary instrument/electives as assigned. If performing, record and complete a Self Evaluation Rubrik provided in Canvas within one week. Complete this form after each performance as well. **One point will be deducted from the final average for each missing evaluation.**

Weighted Grading Criteria



Course Grading Criteria

A

90 - 100

B

80 - 89

C

70-79

D

60-69

F

0 - 59

Progress-Based Assessment Rubric

Each Semester Requirement Assessed Separately					
Weekly Lessons					
Exceptional Performance 96-100	Exceeds expectations 90-95	Meets expectations 80-89	Approaches expectations 70-79	Not yet meeting expectations 50-69	Missing (0)
Exceptional progress in areas of technique, continuity, and musicality well ahead of schedule	Excellent progress in areas of technique and continuity on schedule	Adequate progress in learning goals and on schedule	Some progress is evident, but is lacking in amount learned or in technical/musical details	Learning goals have not been met	No preparation or unexcused absence
Performance/Jury					
Exceptional Performance 96-100	Exceeds expectations 90-95	Meets expectations 80-89	Approaches expectations 70-79	Not yet meeting expectations 50-69	Missing (0)
Exceptional performance in accuracy, fluency, articulation details, tempo, technique, musicality, and communication	Performance meets all stated goals and tempo expectations with only occasional errors in note accuracy, articulation, fingering, or rhythm	Performance demonstrates preparation and practice but lacks refinement in musical accuracy, musicality, and/or technical skills	Performance is significantly lacking in accuracy, security or musicality, or is only partially learned	Performance shows significant lack of preparation or inattention to technical &/or musical details	Not performed

Special Course Notes: Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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For this course, AI is permitted, but any use for written work must be acknowledged and properly documented.

Wellness – Don't forget to take care of YOU

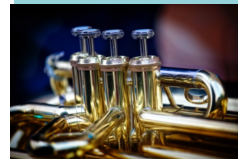
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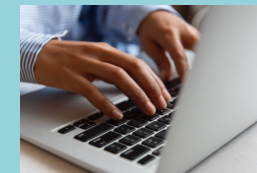
Nutrition
and Sleep



Faith
Family
Friends
Fun

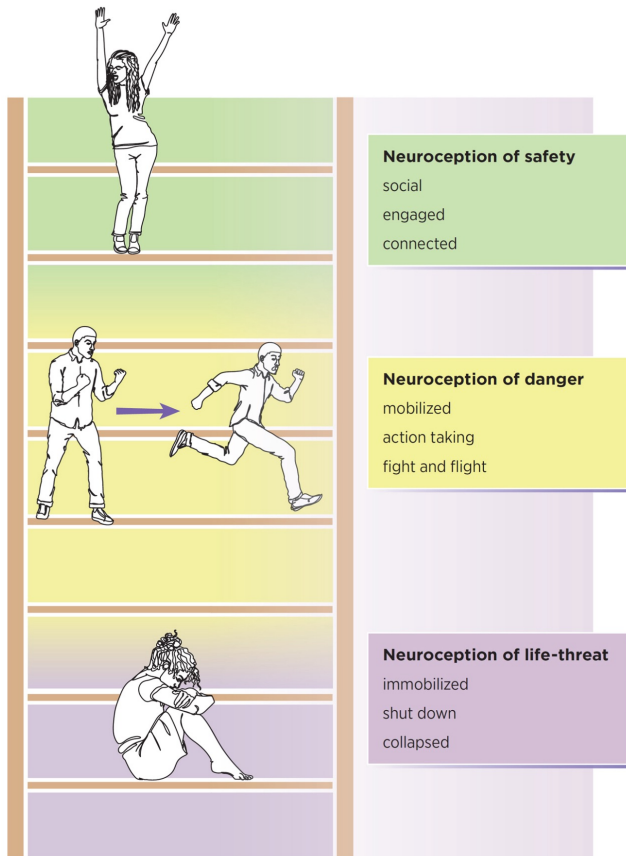


Practice and
Classwork



Understanding your Autonomic Nervous System (ANS)

The Autonomic Ladder



Learn to recognize and honor what your 'body' is telling you

- Vagus nerve is the longest nerve in the body and 80% of messages go from body to brain

Lower states can hijack or interfere with learning/performing

- Hard to focus or access what has been practiced
- Why motor memory fails under pressure

Strategies

- Smart practice for secure learning
 - Drill short segments and **plan what to think**
 - Repeat the ***process*** allowing it to naturally get faster
- Take full deep breaths/stretch/have realistic expectations and do your best!



Utilize free counseling services at UT Tyler!

Student Resources

Links in Canvas syllabus module

Resources to assist you in the course (links available in Canvas syllabus module)

- UT Tyler Student Accessibility and Resource (SAR) Office (provides needed accommodations to students with document needs related to access and learning)
- UT Tyler Writing Center
- The Mathematics Learning Center
- UT Tyler PASS Tutoring Center
- UT Tyler Supplemental Instruction
- Upswing (24/7 online tutoring) - covers nearly all undergraduate course areas
- Robert Muntz Library and Library Liaison · Canvas 101 (learn to use Canvas, proctoring, Unicheck, and other software)
- Digital Support Toolkit (for supported courses only. Students are automatically enrolled in the toolkit for supported courses)
- LIB 422 -- Computer Lab where students can take a proctored exam · The Career Success Center · UT Tyler Testing Center · Office of Research & Scholarship Design and Data Analysis Lab

Resources available to UT Tyler Students (links available in Canvas syllabus module)

- UT Tyler Counseling Center (available to all students)
- MySSP App (24/7 access to Student Support Program counseling through phone or chat and online wellness resources available in a variety of languages) · Student Assistance and Advocacy Center
- Military and Veterans Success Center (supports for our military-affiliated students)
- UT Tyler Patriot Food Pantry
- UT Tyler Financial Aid and Scholarships
- UT Tyler Student Business Services (pay or set up payment plans, etc.)
- UT Tyler Registrar's Office
- Office of International Programs
- Title IX Reporting · Patriots Engage (available to all students. Get engaged at UT Tyler.)

University Policies and Information

See Canvas Syllabus Module

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University Policies and Information

Withdrawing from Class Students may withdraw (drop) from this course using the Withdrawal Portal. Withdrawing (dropping) this course can impact your Financial Aid, Scholarships, Veteran Benefits, Exemptions, Waivers, International Student Status, housing, and degree progress. Please speak with your instructors, consider your options, speak with your advisor, and visit the One-Stop Service Center (STE 230) or email enroll@uttyler.edu to get a complete review of your student account and the possible impacts to withdrawing. We want you to make an informed decision. UT Tyler faculty and staff are here for you and often can provide additional support options or assistance. Make sure to carefully read the implications for withdrawing from a course and the instructions on using the Withdrawal portal.. Texas law prohibits students from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career*. The six courses dropped includes those from other 2-year or 4-year Texas public colleges and universities. Consider the impact withdrawing from this class has on your academic progress and other areas, such as financial implications. We encourage you to consult your advisor(s) and Enrollment Services for additional guidance. CAUTION #1: Withdrawing before census day does not mean you get a full refund. Please see the Tuition and Fee Refund Schedule. CAUTION #2: All international students must check with the Office of International Programs before withdrawing. All international students are required to enroll full-time for fall and spring terms. CAUTION #3: All UT Tyler Athletes must check with the Athletic Academic Coordinator before withdrawing from a course. CAUTION #4: All veterans or military-affiliated students should consult with the Military and Veterans Success Center.

* Students who began college for the first time before 2007 are exempt from this law.

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Final Exam Policy

Final examinations are administered as scheduled. If unusual circumstances require that special arrangements be made for an individual student or class, the Dean of the appropriate college, after consultation with the faculty member involved, may authorize an exception to the schedule. Faculty members must maintain student final examination papers for a minimum of three months following the examination date.

Incomplete Grade Policy

If a student, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete all of the requirements for a course by the end of the semester, then the instructor may recommend an Incomplete (I) for the course. The "I" may be assigned in place of a grade only when all of the following conditions are met: (a) the student has been making satisfactory progress in the course; (b) the student is unable to complete all coursework or final exam due to unusual circumstances that are beyond personal control and are acceptable to the instructor, and (c) the student presents these reasons before the time that the final grade roster is due. The semester credit hours for an Incomplete will not be used to calculate the grade point average. The student and the instructor must submit an Incomplete Form detailing the work required and the time by which the work must be completed to their respective department chair or college dean for approval. The time limit established must not exceed one year. Should the student fail to meet all of the work for the course within the time limit, then the instructor may assign zeros to the unfinished work, compute the course average for the student, and assign the appropriate grade. If a grade has yet to be assigned within one year, then the Incomplete will be changed to an F, or NC. If the course was initially taken under the CR/NC grading basis, this may adversely affect the student's academic standing.

Grade Appeal Policy

Disputes regarding grades must be initiated within sixty (60) days from the date of receiving the final course grade by filing a Grade Appeal Form with the instructor who assigned the grade. A grade appeal should be used when the student thinks the final course grade awarded does not reflect the grades earned on assessments or follow the grading scale as documented in the syllabus. The student should provide the rationale for the grade appeal and attach supporting document about the grades earned. The form should be sent via email to the faculty member who assigned the grade. The faculty member reviews the rationale and supporting documentation and completes the instruction section of the form. The instructor should return the form to the student, even if a grade change is made at this level. If the student is not satisfied with the decision, the student may appeal in writing to the Chairperson of the department from which the grade was issued. In situations where there is an allegation of capricious grading,

discrimination, or unlawful actions, appeals may go beyond the Chairperson to the Dean or the Dean's designee of the college from which the grade was issued, with that decision being final. The Grade Appeal form is found in the Registrar's Form Library.

NOTE: The Grade Appeal Form is different from the Application for Appeal form submitted to the Student Appeals Committee, which does not rule on grade disputes as described in this policy.

Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA), the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical, and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler/> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with the Assistant Director Student Accessibility and Resources/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <https://www.uttyler.edu/disability-services>, the SAR office located in the Robert Muntz Library, LIB 460, email saroffice@uttyler.edu, or call 903.566.7079."

Military Affiliated Students

UT Tyler honors the service and sacrifices of our military-affiliated students. If you are a student who is a veteran, on active duty, in the reserves or National Guard, or a military spouse or dependent, please stay in contact with your faculty member if any aspect of your present or prior service or family situation makes it difficult for you to fulfill the requirements of a course or creates disruption in your academic progress. It is important to make your faculty member aware of any complications as far in advance as possible. Your faculty member is willing to work with you and, if needed, put you in contact with university staff who are trained to assist you. The Military and Veterans Success Center (MVSC) has campus resources for military-affiliated students. The MVSC can be reached at MVSC@uttyler.edu or via phone at 903.565.5972.

Students on an F-1 Visa

To remain in compliance with Federal Regulations requirements you must do the following:

- Traditional face-to-face classes: Attend classes on the regular meeting days/times.
- Hybrid Classes: Attend all face-to-face classes convened by the instructor according to the schedule set for your specific course.
- Online course: Only one online course can count toward your full-time enrollment. Students are expected to be fully engaged and meet all requirements for the online course.

Academic Honesty and Academic Misconduct

The UT Tyler community comes together to pledge that "Honor and integrity will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do." Therefore, we enforce the Student Conduct and Discipline policy in the Student Manual Of Operating Procedures (Section 8).

FERPA UT Tyler follows the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as noted in University Policy 5.2.3. The course instructor will follow all requirements to protect your confidential information.

Absence for Pregnant Students

This course follows the requirements of Texas Laws SB 412, SB 459, SB 597/HB 1361 to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting students. Part of the supports afforded pregnant students includes excused absences. Faculty who are informed by a student of needing this support should make a referral to the Parenting Student Liaison. NOTE: Students must work with the Parenting Student Liaison in order to receive these supports. Students should reach out to the Parenting Student Liaison at parents@uttyler.edu and also complete the Pregnant and Parenting Self-Reporting Form.

Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

Absence for Official University Events or Activities This course follows the practices related to Excused Absences for University Events or Activities as noted in the Catalog.

Absence for Religious Holidays This course follows the practices related to Excused Absences for Religious Holy Days as noted in the Catalog.