



Muap 2001.002 Piano Proficiency

Day/Time: TBA

FAC 1018

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Meet the Instructor: Ms. Vicki Conway



Hello! I'm Mrs. Conway, aka 'the dragon' as nicknamed by a recent graduate Bethany Woolman, who is now a medical student at UT Rio Grand Valley. Piano can be an intimidating instrument, but with guided practice it is very user friendly and a valuable support instrument for all your music classes and eventually your career. It does require a time commitment outside of class but my goal is to help you learn to *practice smarter, not longer - for lasting results with the least amount of effort!*

On a personal note, I live in Longview with my husband Bret, 2 dogs and 2 cats. I'm also a mom of 3 grown daughters and a grandma to 5 girls and 3 boys. My hobby is learning! I did almost half the coursework for a doctorate degree at The University of Oklahoma, but family priorities ultimately prevented me from completing it. So *I fully understand the challenges of balancing school, work, family and life. If/when you get overwhelmed and need extra time, extra space or extra help, just ask!* I love teaching piano and music to all ages and levels and if I'm ever coming across as a 'dragon', it's ok to let me know. Let's have some fun along the way!

Concurrent enrollment in Muap 2112 required

Students concurrently enrolled in Muap 2112 Harmony & Keyboard IV will meet all course requirements for Muap 2001.002 through the final piano proficiency exam of the Harmony & Keyboard course.

No additional course work or class attendance is required and each of the following skill areas of the final exam must be passed with a minimum grade of 70.

- Sightread classical style
- Sightread chorale style
- Lead Sheet transposition
- Incorporate melody into an accompaniment
- Harmonic Progression
- Jazz Standard

Students passing each area of the exam will receive a grade of Credit (C)

Students failing one or more areas of the exam will receive a grade of No Credit (NC) and will need to repeat the course to retake only the skill areas not yet passed

Minimum 2112 Course / 2001 Proficiency Requirements

It is possible to pass one course and not the other

- Students passing Muap 2112, but receiving a grade of NC (no credit) in Muap 2001, will have to repeat Muap 2001 and only retake the portions of the final proficiency exam *not* already passed
- Students receiving a grade of CR in Muap 2001, but not passing Muap 2112 will have to repeat Muap 2112 and take the final exam again since it is a significant percentage of the course grade

If neither Muap 2112 and Muap 2001 are passed, students must repeat both courses concurrently and repeat all requirements

WHY PIANO??

“There probably isn’t a single thing that my musical journey has benefited from more than playing piano.”
Dr. Sarah Roberts

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS!!

- Provide accompaniment for elementary music classroom instruction and programs
- Use piano as supportive tool in middle school band programs to play pitches, melodies, and transposition
- Assist/teach pianists in high school jazz ensembles
- Rehearse individual or sectional voice parts in middle through high school choral programs
- Play keyboard for &/or lead a praise band
- Train and enhance hand independence for conducting skills
- Enhance score reading skills

“Everything I learned in Piano Proficiency was used at some point during my student teaching”

Gavin Hollingsworth,
BM
Instrumental
Music
Education Fall
2022

Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Assess functional piano skills necessary for a successful career in any field of music and equivalent to the final exam of Muap 2112 Harmony & Keyboard IV.
- Areas of assessment
 - Sightread classical and chorale styles
 - Lead Sheets and Transposition
 - Incorporate Melody into Accompaniment
 - Harmonic Progressions
 - Jazz Standards

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Sightread classical styles at a minimum early intermediate level 3*
- Sightread a basic hymn or chorale
- Realize lead sheets, accompanying styles, and harmonic progressions appropriate for 4 semesters of music theory study
- Learn basic comping skills for Jazz Standards

*Levels based on *The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature* (Magrath)

Course Grading Criteria

Credit
(CR)

- All proficiency requirements passed with a minimum score of 70%

No Credit
(NC)

- One or more proficiency requirement not passed with a minimum score of 70%

Students passing all 6 portions of the exam with a grade of 70 or better will receive credit (CR) for the course.

Students not passing all 6 skill areas of the exam will receive a grade of No Credit (NC) and will need to re-enroll in the course. However, any skill areas passed carry over and do not need to be repeated in subsequent semesters!

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



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