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MUS 019: Piano Proficiency

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Course: Piano Proficiency Skills Class  
Instructor: MaryLou Wielenga, Office M24, ext. 6211  
Class Location: M28  
Class Time: To Be Arranged; one 40 minute class per week  
Course Prerequisite: Late elementary - Intermediate minimum piano background  Music majors and minors  

Course Objectives:  
1. To improve the student's basic piano technique  
2. To help the student prepare for the requirements of the Piano Proficiency Test  
3. To improve the student's sight-reading skills  
4. To provide experiences of ensemble playing  

Course Requirements:  
1. Class attendance mandatory except for excused absences or sickness  
2. Adequate preparation of weekly assignments  
3. Learn a minimum of 1 or 2 pieces from repertoire assigned by the instructor  
4. Learn a minimum of 4 hymns appropriate to student’s ability  

Evaluation:  
1. Class attendance  
2. Attitude: the willingness of the student to work hard to improve his/her skills  
3. Improvement: the progress of the student compared to his/her previous ability  
4. Practice: adequate practice to prepare the assignments. A practice log should be kept  
5. Overall level of achievement of the student  
6. Performance quizzes  

Materials:  
1. The Virtuoso Pianist by Charles Hanon  
2. Hymnal  
3. Scale charts  
4. Harmonization sheets and ensemble music provided by the instructor  
5. Piano repertoire books as assigned by instructor  

Assignments:  
Weekly prepared class assignments consisting of scales, arpeggios, piano technique exercises, harmonizations and transpositions. Hymns and piano repertoire pieces will be prepared on an individual basis, to be periodically played for the instructor.