

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Beginning Piano

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** MUS 1670

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Offers group instruction in piano for the beginner. Through work at the keyboard and written work in music theory, students gain improved ability to perform at the piano or other keyboard instruments. Recommended for those interested in careers in therapy, recreation, education, music performance, music education, and other related fields.

No requisites.

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**General Education Requirements Met**

**SUNY**  
The Arts

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate proper technique in personal musical performance.
  2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of basic music theory through written examination.
  3. Demonstrate an understanding of at least one principal form of artistic expression and the creative process inherent therein. [SUNY Gen Ed – The Arts]
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**Topics Covered:**

- Posture
  - Hand positions and fingering
  - Structure of the keyboard
  - Music theory appropriate to course material
  - Music reading
  - Scales
  - Finger exercise and warm-ups
  - Primary chords in appropriate keys
  - Sight reading
  - Lead sheets
  - Performance of compositions in various styles and keys
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
    - [Civility Statement](#)
    - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
    - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
  - [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
  - [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
  - [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
  - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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  - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2021