

**MUSP 2610/4610 – APPLIED PIANO
SYLLABUS – Fall 2020**

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this class is to improve your piano skills both for your own personal development as a musician and in preparation to take your piano proficiency exam.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: You will have at least 12 lessons for the Fall Semester. Attendance and punctuality are expected in order to achieve this. As per the BGSU Academic Calendar, starting November 30, lessons will be online. Access to an instrument is preferred for this portion of the semester. You may also request to have your lessons online if you are not comfortable meeting in person. If that is the case, you will need access to an instrument for our lessons, such as at home or one of the practice rooms at the CMA. Please do not come to your lesson if you feel ill and let me know as soon as possible so accommodations can be made. Your safety is of the utmost importance! I can be reached by email.

QUESTIONS: Please feel free to ask any questions you would like regarding your pieces. You can ask me during class or via email. If you choose to ask me via email, answers may be delayed.

RECORDING LESSONS: You are encouraged to record your lessons so as to help you remember what you have to work on afterwards.

JURIES: All students will have a jury (composed of myself) mid-semester (Week of October 12) to check your progress. You must play at least one piece (or a section designated by myself). You will have a second jury at the end of the semester, the week of December 30. I will let you know ahead of time which pieces (at least one, but no more than three) you have to play for this.

PRACTICE: As your progress depends on how often you practice, you are expected to practice the piano as much as possible. Therefore, students are expected to practice at least half an hour each day. As this is not your main instrument, I suggest making the piano the first thing you practice each day. If you leave it to the end of the day, you might be too tired from all of your other practicing to give the piano the necessary attention. Also study your score, without the piano, to help you learn the pieces quickly and with confidence.

GRADING POLICY: You will be graded based on the following factors: attendance, preparation (includes progress and effort), and performance. Feel free to ask what your grade is at any given time.

25%	Attendance
25%	Weekly Lesson Preparation
50%	Juries (each is 25% of your grade)

CLASSROOM SAFETY: The instructor and students in this course will adhere to the University's [COVID-19 Personal and Community Health Requirements](#). These requirements mandate that, unless an individual exception has been approved by the University, all members of the BGSU community are required to:

- Practice physical distancing of at least six (6) feet with others to the extent feasible.
- Unless alone in an assigned work area or residential setting, or an exception is approved by the University, wear a face covering as set forth by the [Ohio Department of Health](#).

These requirements will be carefully observed for the protection of all members of our community. Refusal to comply shall result in progressive disciplinary action, from a request to leave the classroom to suspension from the institution.

Students may request exemptions from wearing a face covering for an approved reason (e.g., health reasons, inability to affix own mask, etc.) by completing the [Facial Covering Exemption Request form](#). The Office of Accessibility Services will validate requests for exemptions and work with students to identify appropriate solutions (e.g., face shield, remote/online courses).

CODE OF CONDUCT: All participants in the class are expected to adhere to the BGSU Academic Honesty Policy and Code of Conduct, which as presented at the website <https://www.bgsu.edu/student-handbook/code-of-conduct.html>

DISABILITY POLICY

Please consult Accessibility Services <https://www.bgsu.edu/disabilityservices.html> to learn about the accommodations provided by BGSU for students with documented disabilities. You may contact them at access@bgsu.edu. You may also contact me at the beginning of the semester if you require accommodations.