

# University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance

## Class Piano Policies

- All elections in Class Piano are laboratory courses
- Attendance is required at every class session
- At class sessions you will receive:
  - daily monitoring and assistance for the development of keyboard skills, keyboard theory, technique and sight reading skills
  - daily assignments, explanations and assistance
  - regular testing and progress evaluation
  - materials and teaching designed to assist in achieving the aforementioned goals

**ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCE WILL RESULT IN A LOWER CLASS AND FINAL GRADE.**

### **Excused absences:**

- a. Required University activities with written notification by faculty in charge.
- b. Illness or emergency: written notification is required for emergencies, U-M health center forms for illness.

In the event of an **excused absence**, you may request information from your instructor regarding make-up work or testing. It is your responsibility to be aware of all activities occurring in the class. Most (but not all) announcements will be found on the course webpage. You should check this daily.

**DO NOT PURCHASE PLANE TICKETS DURING EXAMINATION WEEKS UNTIL DATES AND TIMES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.**

### **COURSE GRADE:**

Your grade for the course consists of the following—

- 1/3 Class Participation Grade: daily work, testing and attendance
- 1/3 Midterm Examination
- 1/3 Final Examination

### **PRACTICE:**

Daily practice is necessary and essential in order to build technical skills and make any progress. The length and focus of your daily practice may vary from that of your colleagues based on your previous keyboard experience and proficiency. Consult with your instructor regarding the recommended length of time for your daily practice.

### **PIANO LAB POLICIES:**

**ALWAYS TURN OFF YOUR PIANO AND VISUALIZER SCREEN BEFORE LEAVING. NO FOOD, DRINK, OR GUM IN THE PIANO LABS. NO TEXTING DURING CLASS. ABUSE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN ANY WAY WILL BE REPORTED TO CAMPUS SECURITY.**