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Effective: Fall 2018

1. **Course Number:** MUS126
Course Title: Beginning Piano
2. **Description:** Students study, rehearse and perform keyboard music in a class setting. Emphasis is placed on learning to read standard musical notation in bass and treble clefs. Performances on campus and in the immediate community are part of class activities.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - Perform melodies from standard notation and at a moderate tempo.
 - Accurately read and play elementary rhythmic patterns.
 - Play from memory major and minor scales with key signatures of up to 2 sharps and flats.
 - Play hands together using standard notation and/or simple I, IV, V chords
4. **Credit:** 1 credit
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite(s):** None
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Evaluation is based upon attendance and participation, tests, individual progress and a public performance.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional).** Reading in bass and treble clefs and ability to identify any notes on the keyboard: naturals, sharps and flats. Ability to decode and name symbols traditionally used in simple music notation: key signatures, time signatures, barlines (end bar), measure, brace, staff. Counting time values from whole to eighth notes and rests.