

**Piano I, II, III, IV**  
1 credit / Semester, daily

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Prerequisites: Preceding level or teacher approval

**General course description and justification:**

Piano I is an entry-level course designed to develop music reading skills as well as proper piano playing technique. Students will also be taught basic music theory.

Piano II is a continuation of Piano I. Students will further develop their music reading and piano performance skills as well as their understanding of music theory. Students in Piano II are required to perform a solo recital piece at the end of the semester.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

1. Learn to rehearse efficiently.
2. Play songs on the piano by reading music.
3. Identify time and key signatures, note names, scales, intervals and chords.
4. Identify musical symbols for expression and navigation.

**Major texts, literature, or resources:**

The Older Beginner Piano Course	James Bastien
Musicianship for the Older Beginner	James Bastien

**Course outline:**

For a detailed course outline go to: <http://blogs.ksbe.edu/danitta>,

**Grading:**

Grading will be determined on a point basis. Points will be awarded for the following categories:

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| 1. Daily practice:    | 5-10 points per exercise/assignment |
| 2. Performance tests: | 25-50 points per test               |
| 3. Written tests:     | 25-100 points per test              |
| 4. Extra credit:      | 1-5 points per assignment           |

Students are expected to:

1. Participate in daily individual and group practice.
2. Be able to perform test material individually for the instructor using proper technique, fingering and expression.
3. Read and comprehend instructions.

4. Write answers in complete sentences.
5. Demonstrate proficiency before acquiring credit for practice assignments. Students will be allowed 3 attempts for full credit.
6. Show proper respect and care for their musical instrument

Grades will be awarded according to the percentage of points earned of the total points possible. Percentages **will not be rounded up** to the nearest whole number (89.9 is a B+).

93% and above:	A	73%-76.9%:	C
90%-92.9%:	A-	70%-72.9%:	C-
87%-89.9%:	B+	67%-69.9%:	D+
83%-86.9%:	B	63%-66.9%:	D
80%-82.9%:	B-	60%-62.9%:	D-
77%-79.9%:	C+	59.9% and below:	F

#### **Attendance, participation, and work make-up policy:**

All students should be in their seats before the appropriate time. Any student who enters the classroom after the appropriate time will be considered tardy. If the student does not have a legitimate note or tardy slip, the tardy will be considered unexcused. Four tardies will be reported for detention.

Absences due to legitimate reasons (illness, funerals, school related activities etc.) will be excused; however students are responsible for making up any assignments or exams. **Students will be responsible for arranging and completing all make up work within one week of the excused absence for full credit. The assignment score will be reduced by 5 points per day after the deadline.**

#### **Expected classroom behaviors:**

1. Gum, candy, food and beverages are prohibited in class. Please kōkua.
2. The use of profanity and vulgar language is prohibited in class. Please help to keep our classroom atmosphere clean.
3. There should be no irrelevant talking during instruction.
4. Students are expected to remain in their assigned seats at all times unless otherwise advised by their instructor.
5. Students are encouraged to use the bathrooms before class time. (But if you must go please ask in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i)
6. There should be no personal grooming or make-up during class time.
7. Students should address the instructor as Kumu Nitta or Mr. Nitta (Not just “Mr.”).
8. Students should come to class prepared with a pen and sharpened pencil.
9. Cell phones, computers and other electronic devices should not be used without permission from the instructor.

#### **Pono Points:**

Students will receive 10 pono points each quarter and will maintain those points except for the following reasons:

Disregard for school or classroom rules and or misbehavior will result in a 1 point deduction per incident of pono points. Unexcused tardies will result in a 1 point deduction in pono points.

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Print Name

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date