

COURSE OUTLINE

MUSC-115 Keyboard Skills II 1 Semester Hour

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

Keyboard Skills II is a co-requisite course taken the same semester as MUSC-111. It offers the student the second level of functional piano and technique. It is a continuation of MUSC-114 in preparation for the required music major Piano Proficiency Examination. In addition, it reinforces concepts from MUSC-111, Music Theory II. Prerequisite: MUSC-110 and MUSC-114; Co-requisite: MUSC-111. (2 hours weekly)

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Play major scales, hands together, one octave.
2. Play white key minor scales, all three forms, hands, together, one octave.
3. Play black key minor scales, all three forms, hands, separately, one octave.
4. Play white key major and minor arpeggios with thumb turns, hands, separately, two octaves.
5. Play a simple transposition of a melodic line with primary chord accompaniment.
6. Play I-IV-V-V7-I in major and minor keys (performed hands together with chords in both hands OR with chords in R.H., roots in L.H.)
7. Harmonize melodies with primary chords in root position and/or inversions.
8. Harmonize major and minor scales.
9. Play circle progressions in all keys, hands together, with chords in the R.H. and roots in the L.H.
10. Sight read.
11. Perform ensemble music.
12. Play seventh chords: half-diminished, fully diminished, non-dominant sevenths.

Major Topics

- I. Scales and Arpeggios
- II. Transposition with Melody and Harmony
- III. Chord Progressions
- IV. Circle Progressions
- V. Scale Harmonization
- VI. Melodic Harmonization with Primary Chords
- VII. Sight Reading
- VIII. Ensemble Playing
- IX. Seventh Chords

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member, however, students will be graded on their performance of all objectives listed on the previous page, as this course is the basis for MUSC-214.

Other Course Information

This course is a Music Major requirement, an Arts and Sciences elective, a Fine Arts elective, and a Humanities elective.

