

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: MUS 141-142

Credits: 2

Course Title: Class Piano I-II

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts):

Offers the beginning piano student activities in learning musical notation, in accomplishing sight reading skills, and in mastering techniques of keyboard playing. Presents appropriate literature. Open to all students and may be used to fulfill applied minor instrument requirement for music major. Lecture 1 hour. Laboratory 2 hours. Total 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Required for the AAA degree in Music. These courses provide the basis of keyboard technique and music reading.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Prerequisites: None for MUS 141; MUS 141 for MUS 142.

Course Objectives: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Read musical notation including treble and bass clefs, various rhythm patterns and musical terms
- b. Demonstrate beginning technical skills including scales, triads, and arpeggios
- c. Play simple keyboard harmony
- d. Exploit opportunities to play within a group, as well as solo music

Major Topics to be Included:

- a. Technical skills
- b. Keyboard harmony
- c. Reading musical notation
- d. Ensemble and solo playing

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 02/17/09