Collin College Faculty Syllabus
Fine Arts – Music – Fall 2011

Course Number: MUEN-1132.S01

Course Title: Keyboard Ensemble

Course Description: Traditional piano literature for multiple performers and arrangements for electronic keyboard ensemble. Several performances each semester.

Course Credit Hours: 1
Lab Hours: 3 weekly contact hours.

College Repeat Policy: This course may be repeated for credit.

Course Delivery Method: Lab and rehearsal.

Instructor’s Information:
Instructor’s Name: Dr. Brian Allison
Office Number: B182
Office Hours: MWF 11-12am; TR hours posted on door
Contact Information: Phone: 972 881-5813; fax: 972 516-5032; ballison@collin.edu
Professor’s Website: http://iws.collin.edu/ballison

Class Information:
Class Meeting Times: MW 1-2:15pm
Class Meeting Location: B154

Textbook: None

Supplies: Headphones with mini plug

Student Learning Outcomes: Demonstrate sight-reading skills, ability to perform in ensemble settings, rhythmic and tonal accuracy in performance, and a sense of style through interaction with the other members of the ensemble in a unified musical environment.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to attend all performances and rehearsals in addition to successfully learning their assigned part(s).

Method of Evaluation: Students will be evaluated weekly on their accuracy percentage in terms of note reading, rhythmic security, and musical expression in both rehearsal and performance. Performance in concert at the semester end is mandatory to pass the class. Each two absences will result in lowering of the final grade by one letter.

Numerical scores will be converted to letter grades by the following scale:

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Attendance Policy: Attendance is expected for all class sessions. Each two absences will result in lowering of the final grade by one letter. See the current Collin Registration Guide for the last day to withdraw.

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Religious Holy Days: please refer to the current Collin Student Handbook

ADA Statement: It is the policy of Collin County Community College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

Academic Ethics: Every member of the Collin College community is expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. Collin College may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts, or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission of one’s own work material that is not one’s own. Scholastic dishonesty may involve, but is not limited to, one or more of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion, use of annotated texts or teacher’s editions, use of information about exams posted on the Internet or electronic medium, and/or falsifying academic records. While specific examples are listed below, this is not an exhaustive list and scholastic dishonesty may encompass other conduct, including any conduct through electronic or computerized means:

Plagiarism is the use of an author’s words or ideas as if they were one’s own without giving credit to the source, including, but not limited to, failure to acknowledge a direct quotation.

Cheating is the willful giving or receiving of information in an unauthorized manner during an examination; collaborating with another student during an examination without authority; using, buying, selling, soliciting, stealing, or otherwise obtaining course assignments and/or examination questions in advance, copying computer or Internet files, using someone else’s work for assignments as if it were one’s own; or any other dishonest means of attempting to fulfill the requirements of a course.

Collusion is intentionally or unintentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, failing to secure academic work; providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; communicating answers to a classmate about an examination or any other course assignment; removing tests or answer sheets from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.

See the current Collin Student Handbook for additional information.

Cell phone policy – Cell phone use is strictly prohibited during class time.

Tentative Course Calendar:
Week | Material
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1 | Assignment of new music
2 | Begin rehearsing the ensemble
3 | Continue rehearsing the ensemble
4 Continue rehearsing the ensemble
5 Polish performance of the ensemble
6 Assignment of new music
7 Begin rehearsing the ensemble
8 Continue rehearsing the ensemble
9 Continue rehearsing the ensemble
10 Polish performance of the ensemble
11 Assignment of new music
12 Begin rehearsing the ensemble
13 Continue rehearsing the ensemble
14 Continue rehearsing the ensemble
15 Polish performance of the ensemble
16 Perform concert of music learned

Withdrawing from Class

At the beginning of each semester, students add and drop classes to get the schedule that works for them. Before the “Census Date” (about the second week of classes) you can drop and add classes as much as you like. After the Census Date, you Withdraw from a class and receive a W on your transcript. While withdrawing from a class is always an option before the withdrawal date (see the current Collin Registration Guide for the last day to withdraw), due to recent changes made by the Texas Legislature, this may not be the best option for your academic career. Specifically, The State of Texas has implemented two policies that affect how many times students can withdraw from courses. The first is the so-called 3-peat rule which does not apply to this course. The second policy is the “Six-Drop Law” (Texas Education Code, Sec. 51.907) that states a student may only drop a total of six courses in their entire academic career. There are exceptions to this law for things such as family and other emergencies so please speak with the registrar for further questions. But the basic idea behind both policies is that it is not in your best interest to withdraw from a course. Speak with the professor as soon as possible to make sure you are in the correct level of a course and to make sure that the material covered in the course is what you were wanting to learn. Lastly, if you find that a course is too difficult for you, please speak with the professor or department chair because there are sometimes options for lateral transfers to a less difficult course.