



## BABCOCK UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL: EDUCATION AND HUMANITIES  
DEPARTMENT: MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS  
SEMESTER /SESSION: FIRST SEMESTER, 2016/2017 SESSION

COURSE CODE AND TITLE: **MUSC. 123: ELEMENTARY PIANO I /  
MUSC. 133: BASIC PIANO I**

DAY OF CLASS: TUESDAY (2pm - 3:50 pm)

**NO OF UNITS: 2 CREDIT UNITS**

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### **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

A first-class Seventh-day Adventist institution, building servant leaders for a better world

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Building leadership through Christian education; transforming lives, impacting society for positive change

To achieve our mission, we are committed to:

- Achieving excellence in our teaching, research program, and service delivery
- Imparting quality Christian education
- Instilling Christ-like character to the members of our Community

### **OUR CORE VALUES**

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| • Excellence                  | -Our Culture    |
| • Integrity                   | -Our Promise    |
| • Accountability              | -Our Moral      |
| • Servant Leadership          | -Our Strength   |
| • Team Spirit                 | -Our Dignity    |
| • Autonomy and Responsibility | -Our Passion    |
| • Adventist Heritage          | -Our Commitment |

### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

Babcock University's philosophy is anchored on the harmonious development of the intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual potentials of our students, inspiring stable and noble character needed for effective leadership and service in the society.

**CORPORATE IMAGE STATEMENT:** A center of excellence for character development and scholarship; a socially responsive, responsible, and accountable institution in matters of commitment and action.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An introduction to the rudiments of piano playing, knowledge of the operation of the piano. Development of sight-reading skills. Explore basic musical terminology and piano navigation.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

On completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Read and write music on the staff
2. Develop sight-reading skill
3. Interpret musical signs and terms on the piano
4. Play simple pieces of classical music as well as hymns and others
5. Analyze and interpret music effectively
6. Appreciate God as the author of music
7. Identify and communicate God's beauty through the distinctive tone colors.

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **WEEK 1. ABOUT PIANOFORTE**

- i. Short history of pianoforte
- ii. Types of pianoforte and mechanism
- iii. Care of piano and posture

### **WEEK 2. BASIC RUDIMENTS ON THE PIANO [I]**

- i. Staff, clefs bar lines
- ii. Names of notes in the treble staff (on the five lines & in the four spaces)
- iii. Point out notes on the piano and exercises
- iv. Five finger exercise (separate hands)

### **WEEK 4. BASIC RUDIMENTSON THE PIANO [II]**

- i. Names of notes in the bass staff
- ii. Point out notes on the piano and exercise
- iii. Play treble and bass staves combined
- iv. More exercises on iii above

### **WEEK 5. BASIC RUDIMENTS ON THE PIANO [III]**

- i. Notes and rests: semibreve, minim, crochet, quaver, semiquaver & demi-semiquaver
- ii. Exercises in time (Count four crochets in each bar) – give short melodies
- iii. More exercises for counting while play

### **WEEK 6. BASIC RUDIMENTS ON THE PIANO [IV]**

- i. Leger lines on treble and bass staff
- ii. Name notes and point out on the piano

### **WEEK 7. MID SEMESTER TEST: Theory & Practical (Individual)**

### **WEEK 8. MAJOR SCALES & ARPEGGIO**

- i. C, G major. One octave in separate hand
- ii. Play simple melody on C major
- iii. Sight reading exercises

### **WEEK 9. A HARMONIC MINOR**

- i. A harmonic minor scale & arpeggio. One octave in separate hands
- ii. More exercises on simple melody
- iii. Sight reading exercises

### **WEEK 10. QUIZ**

On general Musicianship.

**WEEK 11. PLAYING GIVEN MUSIC PIECES**

- i. C, G major & A harmonic minor scales & arpeggios
- ii. Exam pieces given - Evening Bells, Trip with Caravan & Dreaming

**WEEK 12. MUSICAL TERMS AND SIGNS**

- i. Study of musical terms & signs
- ii. Apply dynamics on the music pieces
- iii. More exercises on exam pieces

**WEEK 13. REVISION****WEEK 14. FINAL EXAMINATION****USEFUL RESOURCES FOR THE COURSE**

1. Hanon, C. L. (no date). *The virtuoso pianist*. Schirmer's Library of Musical Classics.
2. O'Neil, C. (1994). *Michael Aaron Piano Course: Theory & Lessons* (Primer & Grade One). London: Alfred Publishing CO. INC.
3. Palmer, W.A., Manus, M. & Lethco, A.V. (no date). *Alfred's Basic Piano Library: Piano Lesson Book 2*. London: Alfred Publishing CO. INC.
4. Bradley, D. & Tobin, R. (2001). *Sight-reading made easy*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. London: Stainer and Bell.
5. Harris, C. (1998). *The A.B.C. Short tutor for Pianoforte*. Unite States: MCMXX by Warren & Phillips.
6. Hayward, M. (no date). *A new Tune a day for piano, Book 1-2*. Boston Music Company.
7. The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. (2010). *Pianoforte, scales and arpeggios*. London: ABRSM printing Press.
8. Michael Aaron Piano Course [Lessons & Theory] Grade One – Two. CA: Alfred Publishing Co.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

**CLASS ATTENDANCE:** - "Every student is required to attend classes regularly and punctually, unless ill or prevented by some recognized emergency. Students who absent themselves from class for more than three weeks during the semester shall merit an F grade. Authorized leave of absence from campus does not excuse the student from classes, or relieve the student of the required course work' (*BU Academic Bulletin 2012-2015 p.13*).

**PARTICIPATION:** -Students are to actively engage in class activities and sharing of ideas in class.

**TARDINESS/CONDUCT OF STUDENTS IN CLASS:** - Lateness to class is unacceptable; students are not allowed to operate their cell phones, iPods and other electronic mobile gargets during classes, except with the permission of the teacher. Eating and chewing off bubble gums and drinking (water exempted) is also not allowed except with the permission of the teacher. Very importantly, students are required to dress in compliance with the university dress code and wear their identity cards while in class.

**SHORT DEVOTIONALS/PRAYER:** - Spiritual nurture is a part of whole person development, and team spirit is our strength; thus, every student is required to participate in the devotional exercise and prayer in class.

**SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENT:** Assignments could be turned in earlier, but not later than the deadline set by the teacher.

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS:** Assignments turned in later than the deadline set by the teacher will not be graded without stringent penalty.

**GUIDELINE FOR WRITTEN WORK:** Students will be required to do assignments, quizzes, tests and examination.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY/HONESTY:**“Babcock University has a zero tolerance for any form of academic dishonesty. Morally and spiritually, the institution is committed to scholastic integrity. Consequently, both students and staff are to maintain high, ethical Christian levels of honesty. Transparent honest behavior is expected of every student in all spheres of life. Academic dishonesty include such things as plagiarism, unauthorized use of notes or textbooks on quizzes and examinations, copying or spying the test or paper of another student (formal or take-home), talking to another student during examinations. Academic matter would automatically result in a failing grade for the examination, and suspension, or outright dismissal from the university. Academic dishonesty issues are referred to SPEAM (Senate Panel on Examination and Academic Misconduct) who investigates and makes recommendations to Senate. Penalties for examination and academic misconduct are spelt out in the *student’s handbook* and in other regulations as published from time to time” (*BU Academic Bulletin2012-2015 p.18*).

**GRIEVANCEPROCEDURE**

“Students who believe that their academic rights have been infringed upon or that they have been unjustly treated with respect to their academic program are entitled to a fair and impartial consideration of their cases. They should do the following to effect a solution:

1. Present their case to the teacher(s) concerned
2. If necessary, discuss the problem with the Head of Department
3. If agreement is not reached at this level, submit the matter to the School Dean
4. Finally, ask for are view of the case by the Grievance Committee
5. A fee is charged for remarking of scripts. If a student’s grievance is upheld after an external examiner has remarked the script, the grade would be credited to the student. The lecturer will be given a letter of reprimand and will be asked to refund the fees to the student. If the student’s grievance is not sustained, the student will be given a letter of reprimand and the original grade retained” (*BU Academic Bulletin2012-2015 p.18*).

**TEACHING/LEARNING METHODOLOGY:** Interactive/participatory strategies will be adopted for the class and this will include integration of faith and BU core values in the learning process.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION**

**Continuous Assessment:**

Class Attendance:	5% }	} =40%
Quizzes & Tests:	10% }	
Assignments:	10% }	
Mid-Semester Exam:	15% }	
Final Semester Exam:	60%	

## GRADE SCALE

Currently, the 5-point grading system adopted by the University Senate translates as follows:

Grades	Marks-Quality	Range Points	Definition
A	80-100	5.00	Superior
B	60-79	4.00	Above Average
C	50-59	3.00	Average
D	45-49	2.00	Below Average
E	40-44	1.00	Pass
F	0-39	0.00	Fail

**INCOMPLETE GRADE:** An incomplete grade may only be assigned to a student upon request, due to an emergency situation that occurred within that semester, which prevented completion of an/some assignments, quizzes, or examination. Such a student would complete a contract form, obtainable from the Registrar, after agreement with the teacher. The form must be signed by the teacher, the student, the HOD, the dean, the Registrar, and the Senior Vice President (SVP) before contract begins. The original copy of the incomplete form will be sent to the Registrar with copies to the teacher, the student, the HOD, the dean, and the SVP. An incomplete grade(I) reverts to the existing grade if contract is not completed by the end of the following semester (including summer semester, except for examinations), (*BU Academic Bulletin 2012-2015 p. 20*).

### FURTHER READINGS:

Any books and audio materials by leading publishers can be consulted for more information.

### STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

“Babcock University seeks to provide a conducive environment for optimal living and learning experience. While the university is working towards facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities, provisions will be made for students with disabilities under the following conditions. Students with disabilities are to:

- a. Report to Student Support Services for assessment, and obtain a clearance/recommendation at the commencement of the semester or as soon as disabling incidence occurs
- b. Show the clearance/recommendations to relevant university officials at the commencement of the semester or as soon as disabling incidence occurs
- c. Maintain ongoing contact with Student Support Services” (*BU Academic Bulletin 2012-2015 p. 20*).