PIANO TECHNIQUES  Mus. 136.1A, 136.1B
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OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of MUS. 136.1A,1B:
I. Students will be able to demonstrate the basic skills required for minimum
keyboard competency as outlined in the Music Department’s 2008-2009 Handbook.
This satisfies the Department’s Sophomore Piano Assessment.
II. Students will demonstrate advancement according to expectations made for their
level. Levels will be determined within the first week of class.

EXPECTATIONS:
Students will be assessed individually at the beginning of the course to determine
their individual skill level. Assignments will be made that are appropriate to each
student’s skill level and will be graded accordingly. The areas covered by all skill levels
include scales and exercises, chorales or hymns, solo literature, sight reading and
keyboard harmony. A minimum of 2 1/2 hours weekly practice outside of class is
required.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:
Belmont, CA: Thomson/Schirmer.
Levels 6 and above (Advanced). Briggs, Allen, C. Burkhart, R. Kamien, L. Kraft
W.W. Norton & Co.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
Regular class attendance, participation and daily practice (2 1/2 hours per week
minimum). All homework assignments are due as assigned to receive a grade. A
medical or other legitimate (written) excuse is required for all missed classes. Unexcused
absences: lowered final grade, written assignments lowered one letter grade each day
late, performed assignments receive no grade. Excused absences with legitimate written
excuse: arrange with instructor for written and performed assignment makeups.

GRADING:
Preparation/Practice 70%
Written Homework Assignments 10%
Quizzes (2). Dates TBA 20%

ACADEMIC HONOR CODE: As outlined in the Student Handbook.
## GRADING CRITERIA

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