

**Department:**

Music

**Course Description:**

This course provides private lessons in developing instrumental performance skills.

**Course Competencies:**

Upon completion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate improvement in instrumental technical abilities.
2. Demonstrate improvement in expressive use of technique for emphasis, nuance, melodic line, and musical/lyrical punctuation as appropriate to the musical style and individual ability level.
3. Perform at least one composition from memory.

**Course Content:**

- A. Technical studies
  1. Breath support
  2. Embouchure
  3. Phrasing
  4. Rhythm
  5. Scales
  6. Arpeggios
  7. Solo literature
- B. Various styles for practice and performance
- C. Key signature
- D. Dynamics
- E. Historical background
- F. Music fundamentals
- G. Style and interpretation

**Learning Assessments:**

Course competencies will be assessed by attendance, class participation, written or oral practice reports, progress, playing tests, and juried final performance.

**Instructional Materials:**

Selected solo and etude literature appropriate to ability levels.

**Guidelines for Requesting Accommodations Based on  
Documented Disability or Medical Condition**

It is the intention of Highland Community College to work toward full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, to make instructional programs accessible to all people, and to provide reasonable accommodations according to the law.

Students should understand that it is their responsibility to self-identify their need(s) for accommodation and that they must provide current, comprehensive diagnosis of a specific disability or medical condition from a qualified professional in order to receive services. Documentation must include specific recommendations for accommodation(s). Documentation should be provided in a timely manner prior to or early in the semester so that the requested accommodation can be considered and, if warranted, arranged.

In order to begin the process all students **must** complete the “Disabilities Self-Identification Form” at this link:

<https://highlandcc.edu/pages/disability-services>.

This form can also be accessed at the Highland Community College homepage under Students Services/Student Resources/Disability Service or by contacting the Disabilities Coordinator.