

Course Title:	Piano
Grade(s):	9-12

Course Description
This is a semester-long course that will provide the basic foundations for piano playing through the lens of popular music.
Approved Curricular Materials/Textbook(s)
MIDI Keyboard, GarageBand

Unit Title	Unit Description (Include Unit Objectives)	Unit Pacing
Unit 1: Finger and Hand Separation	Students will work on exercises that provide them with separated finger articulation and hand independence. Students will work individually in the music lab with the help of the instructor to gain stronger fine motor skills required to play the piano.	1 week
Unit 2: Tabs, Chords, and Bass	Students will learn how to play chords by reading piano tablature. They will play chords in their right hand and double the bass in their left hand. Students will learn their favorite songs and perform for the class.	4 weeks
Unit 3: Broken Chords and Arpeggios	Students will learn how to break chords and integrate arpeggios into their playing. They will use popular songs to practice and perform.	4 weeks
Unit 4: Rocking the Bass	Students will learn how to incorporate more rhythmic variety into the left hand and add it to their broken chords and arpeggios.	4 weeks