COVID-19 UPDATE FOR KEYBOARD SKILLS

Instruction for the Keyboard Skills courses this fall will be partially remote with some instruction in person and some instruction online. Classrooms will be set up with social distancing protocols and access to electronic keyboards. Pianos will also be available in our practice buildings where new cleaning procedures are in place. Students will need to bring their own headphones that have at least two-feet of cable and a ¼-inch jack for the electronic keyboards. Wireless headphones are not compatible. As a contingency, should the University require instruction to go entirely online, we recommend students secure a keyboard outside of school. Instructor will have additional information regarding available resources as needed. For some suggestions and details about the course visit: https://piano.music.unt.edu/pianokeyboardskills.

Classes will be taught using a hybrid model and students will be required to wear a mask when attending the in-person sessions. Students with a medical issue will need an accommodation from the UNT Office of Disability Access in advance. With appropriate documentation, the student can be accommodated by remote only instruction. In-person sessions will be limited to a percentage of the course enrollment while the other students attend simultaneously online. At no time will there be more than 10 students plus the teacher in the classroom. Classes will be shorter in duration to allow for student movement between classes and better airflow within the classroom. Cleaning supplies will be available to wipe down the keyboards between classes.

These plans have been implemented to keep students safe while also meeting the needs of the curriculum to move students along their pathway to developing good keyboard skills. Many students prefer to have at least a partial in-person experience with safety guidelines in place from the CDC. We have tried to offer both experiences whenever possible. However, if a student cannot or does not wish to meet in person using this hybrid model, they have every right to choose to meet remote only. Our teachers will work with students to make the class experience as positive as possible without meeting in person. E-mail Dr. Bradley.Beckman@unt.edu and he will coordinate your preference with your Keyboard Skills teacher. In order to be remote only, students need a keyboard off campus and a computer connection.