OVERVIEW: Students will receive a weekly half-hour or hour long lesson. They will be assigned music mainly from the classical repertoire.

OBJECTIVES:
-- To gain musical and technical proficiency at the piano
-- To improve note reading and sight-reading skills
-- To gain knowledge of piano repertoire
-- To work on musical memory

PREPARATION: Students will be expected to practice at least five days a week. Those taking a half-hour lesson should practice at least two and a half hours per week. Those students taking an hour long lesson should practice at least five hours per week. Students must be well-prepared for each lesson and show progress from one week to the next.

FINAL JURY: All music majors must do a jury at the end of the semester. The student must play several pieces of contrasting styles. The student may also be asked to play scales. The juries will be evaluated by the piano faculty and will be graded accordingly. First semester non-music majors are not required to play a jury.

ABSENCES: Students must give at least 24 hours notice if they need to miss or reschedule a lesson. Makeups will be given at the discretion of the instructor. If the student misses a lesson without giving notice or without a valid excuse (medical emergency, family death, etc.) the lesson will NOT be made up.

GRADING POLICY:
60% weekly progress and preparation, including attitude and willingness to adopt new ideas
40% final jury

CONCERTS: Students are strongly encouraged to go to concerts in Cullen Recital Hall. Additionally, students are expected to go to at least one off-campus classical music concert that involves a pianist, i.e. solo recital, chamber music, or concerto with orchestra.
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www.houstonsymphony.org

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www.music.uh.edu

Shepherd School at Rice University
www.music.rice.edu