



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

Department of Music

PIANO PERFORMANCE STUDIES

The Piano Performance program at CSUS offers students the opportunity to pursue Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, and Master of Music degrees. In addition to private lessons and weekly performance/repertory classes for developing solo playing, students have the opportunity to take courses in chamber music, accompanying and pedagogy. Regular instruction by three resident piano faculty is supplemented by master classes with visiting artists. Instruction in jazz piano is available. In addition to required recitals, a performance with the CSUS orchestra is available through an annual competition. Numerous opportunities for experience and employment as accompanists are available to qualified pianists within the music department and in the Sacramento area.

Prior to acceptance into degree programs, students must pass an entrance audition. The following includes suggested solo works. To discuss acceptable audition literature, contact Richard Cionco at (916) 278-7983, Lorna Peters at (916) 278-7992, or Kirsten Smith at (916) 278-7986.

Freshmen: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music

A Prelude and Fugue or an Invention by Bach.

Two contrasting movements, preferably from different style periods, from the standard repertory for piano are required. Selections may be drawn from sonatas, preludes, suites, etudes and short pieces by such composers as Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin, Liszt, Bartók, Mozart and others. Memorization is required.

Junior Level Transfers: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music

Transferring students in piano are required to play an entering audition during the academic semester prior to anticipated entrance. On the basis of both the audition and an evaluation of prior piano study, the student may be enrolled in one of four levels of lower division piano. After one semester of study, the student is re-evaluated and may be advanced to upper division status.

Master of Music

Representative works from the applicant's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Music senior recital or comparable repertory.

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