**School of Arts and Letters – Truman State University**

**Fall 2012**

**MUSI 365 (2 credit hours) – Applied Harpsichord (Upper Division)**

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is designed for advanced keyboard students to develop historically-informed performance skills on the harpsichord. The size and diversity of the harpsichord repertoire encourages musical creativity, informs an understanding of Western music history, and provides opportunities for collaborative work in orchestral and chamber-music settings.

In addition to demonstrations of idiomatic harpsichord technique, topics relevant to performance practice will be examined, including:

* Stylistic interpretation
* Ornamentation
* Historically accurate ensemble playing

The student will receive one hour lesson per week; lessons are held in OP 1342. Course requirements include the performance of two pieces (memorization is optional) at the final jury. Other class projects may include continuo playing in Music Department performances.

**Text:**

The instructor will assign level-appropriate harpsichord music.

**Grading:**

The grading scale is – A (90-100); B (80-89); C (70-79); D (60-69); and F (59 and below)

Grades are based on the following:

* Attendance
* Preparation for lessons and performance projects
* Consistent improvement throughout the semester, and
* Performance on the final jury

**Attendance Policy:**

Any lesson missed for an unexcused absence will not be made up and will result in lowering your final grade. Excused absences include:

* Illness with proof (clinic receipt) that you went to the clinic or to see a doctor.
* A Truman State University ensemble tour. An official list of students in the ensemble, with your name underlined, must be submitted to me (not just shown to me) before the tour.

**Academic Integrity:**

The instructor adheres to Truman State University’s policy regarding academic dishonesty, as outlined in the *Truman State University General/Graduate Catalog.*

**Americans with Disabilities Act:**

This class complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Disability Services Office (660-785-4478) as soon as possible.