



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

University of Nebraska at Omaha Undergraduate Class Piano Proficiency Requirements

The first three items should be prepared well in advance of the exam.

1. Repertoire: A prepared piece, about two pages in length, on a difficulty level of a repertoire you have worked on throughout the year. The selection must be approved by a piano faculty member.
2. Scales: All major and minor scales (harmonic and melodic). Perform scales hands together four octaves, ascending and descending. Performance must be fluent and demonstrate knowledge and confidence. Fingering **must** conform to standard patterns. See a piano instructor or a scale fingering chart, such as in the Class piano text.
3. Cadences: be able to play the following both cadences in the same keys and modes as the scales:
 - 1) I-IV-I-V-I in major and i-iv-i-V-i in minor
4. Harmonization: You will be given a short, folksong-like tune. Prepare a harmonization with the melody in the right hand and a block chord (as a minimum) accompaniment in the left hand. You may restrict harmonies to the primary chords (I (i), IV (iv), and V) if necessary. Play in the transposed key as directed. Do not write out the new key.
5. Score Reading: You will be given an open choral score of one or two pages. Prepare so that you can simultaneously play any two voice parts at any place in the score.
6. You will be given several pages of an accompaniment for a choral work. Prepare so that you can play the accompaniment without hesitation. You are encouraged to simplify the texture, if necessary, so that you can play an accompaniment that you can do easily, yet will provide the essential musical frame.

NOTES

1. You are expected to take the exam as a whole within the allotted class time.
2. You will be asked to perform no more than 4 major and 4 minor scales, each cadence pattern in no more than 4 major and minor keys. The exam is given at the end of each quarter during finals week. Signs will be posted as to the date and time of the exam and the date and time. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the class piano lab during the last week of classes. Sign up on this sheet by the last day of classes, or you will not be given the exam.