PIANO PROFICIENCY MUS 167

ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS TO UNLV HAVE TO MEET WITH MRS. VALERIA ORE FOR THE PLACEMENT IN THE FUNCTIONAL PIANO CLASSES – PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER.
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Students achieving a grade of “B” or higher at the end of each semester in all four levels of the Functional Piano will be exempt from taking the Proficiency Exam at the end of their studies.

Students that are taking the Proficiency Exam, have to register for MUS 167, a non-credit course at no cost.

The Piano Proficiency Exam will be given two times per year during final exams week of both the Spring and Fall semesters. A sign-up sheet will be on the door of HFA 208 two weeks before the exam.

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND PROCEDURE

1. Play major, harmonic minor scales, and arpeggios from memory, two octaves, hands together, with correct fingerings.
2. Play major, minor triads, inversions from memory with hands together.
3. Play a selection from J.S. Bach’s 101 Chorales as directed by instructor.
4. Harmonize a melody, which requires a V7/V.
5. Sight-read one accompaniment piece of music.
6. Transpose a melody with the distance of no more than a major third up or down.
7. Perform one prepared solo piece of an intermediate level. Memorization is not required.
8. Perform two anthems using the pedal: The Star-Spangled Banner and America. Be prepared to play at least the melody line with bass accompaniment.
E Major Scale

E Major Arpeggio

Harmonic Minor Scale

Minor Arpeggio
Inversions

OR
Christus, der ist mein Leben.

Puer natus in Bethlehem.
Harmonization V7/V

Allegretto

Moderato

Gurlitt

Germany
TRANPOSITION EXAMPLES

Germany

Allegro

Pomerania

Moderato

Germany

Fine

D.C. al Fine
America

Moderately

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty.

Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died

INTRO

Land of the Pilgrims' pride! From every mountain side

Let freedom ring!
Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleam, Whose broad streaming And the rocket's red glare, the bombs burst in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.