All students that are transferring to UNLV from any outside institution meet with Professor Valeria Ore (valeria.ore@unlv.edu) to determine their level of piano experience. This is required for placement into the appropriate Functional Piano class.

The Piano Proficiency Exam will be given two times per year during the final exam week of both the Spring and Fall semesters. A sign-up sheet will be on the door of HFA 213 (Piano Laboratory) two weeks before the exam. Students achieving a grade of “B” or higher in all four Functional Piano classes (MUS 109, MUS 110, MUS 209, and MUS 210) are exempt from taking the Piano Proficiency Exam.

EXAMINATION CONTENT AND PROCEDURE

- Prepare any major, harmonic minor scales, and arpeggios from memory, two hands together with correct fingerings. During the exam, the jury will choose one example of each.

- Prepare major, minor triads, and inversions from memory, hands together with correct fingerings. During the exam, the jury will choose one example of each.

- Prepare any selection from J. S. Bach's 101 Chorales.

- Prepare 5 (five) melodies to harmonize with the right hand and a block or broken chord accompaniment with the left hand which requires a V7/V. Transpose the same melodies with the distance of no more than a major second up and down. During the exam, the jury will choose one melody.

- Sight-read a short piece that is at the intermediate level.

- Perform a prepared piece of accompanied music that is either vocal or instrumental at the intermediate level.

- Perform anthems of America and The Star - Spangled Banner with introduction, and tempo suitable for singing.
Db Major Arpeggio

Bb Harmonic Minor Scale

Bb Minor Arpeggio
INVERSIONS

OR

OR
HARMONIZATION V7/V & TRANSPOSITION

No. 1

No. 2

No. 3
THE STAR - SPANGLED BANNER

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light, what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming. Who so bold streaming red glared, the bomba

bursting in air, gave proof through 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.