

APPM 174 KEYBOARD SKILLS COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS REVISED FALL 2011

Competency exams are required for APPM 173 through APPM 273. Exams are heard by keyboard faculty members and are graded Pass/Fail.

Students who are passing a course but who do not pass the corresponding competency exam after taking the course will receive a grade of “PR”; they must then take the competency exam at the beginning of the following semester. Students will have a limited number of opportunities to pass competency exams.

Students are required to take Keyboard Skills I (APPM 173) and Keyboard Skills II (APPM 174) before they are allowed to take the Keyboard Skills private lesson (APPM 126).

Students may test out of a Keyboard Skills section if they can pass the competency exam corresponding to that section. Having tested out of a section, the student can complete a “credit by exam” form (fee) and have this credit added to their list of completed courses

All references are to:

Lyke, James. *Keyboard Musicianship: Piano for Adults Vol. 1*, 8th ed. Champaign, IL: Stipes Publishing, 2009.

Skills:

1. Scales
B and F major; C, G, D, and A harmonic and melodic minor. Hands together with correct fingering, two octaves ascending and descending, in eighth notes at a minimum tempo of quarter note = 80.
2. Arpeggios
C, G, D, and A minor. Hands together with correct fingering, two octaves ascending and descending, in eighth notes at a minimum tempo of quarter note = 40.
3. Repertoire
William Duncombe: *Sonatina*, p. 205
J.S. Bach: *Minuet*, p. 346
4. Sight Reading
Students will be given a short excerpt (ca. 8 measures), moderate tempo, utilizing both hands *simultaneously* in five-finger positions. Students will have approximately 30 seconds to study the example visually prior to performing.