

Collaborative Piano Keyboard Proficiency Examination

All music graduate degree students, including those whose principal or proficiency instrument is piano, must pass a keyboard proficiency examination or its equivalent. Most students will take the examination on piano, coordinated by the secondary piano program. **The collaborative piano department administers its own exam.**

The keyboard proficiency requirement is designed to ensure the student's ability to use the keyboard as a tool within the framework of professional activities, and the requirements vary according to level and area of music study.

Keyboard proficiency examinations are normally offered in the latter part of each semester and in the summer term.

The exam may be repeated as many times as necessary to pass.

Please note that the exam must be completed before graduation (for master's students) and before the qualifying exam stage of the degree (for doctoral students). It is recommended to complete the exam in the first year of your program.

The requirements are:

1. Read from score the melody of a transposing instrument in the correct sounding key/register
2. Sing and play solo vocal part together with the piano accompaniment, with score provided 48-hours prior to the exam
3. Sight read four-part open score using modern G or F clefs

The exam will be administered at least once a semester by the Collaborative Piano department, with results to be emailed to the Music Graduate Office once the student has passed the exam.