

MUSA 1272 Test Out

University of Texas at El Paso

Requirements for testing out MUSA 1272 Piano Class II. Music Majors only

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Test outs are given the Friday prior to the beginning of each semester and during finals week. Please contact Dr. Macchioni for scheduling time.

- Required text book *Alfred's Group Piano for Adults Book 1* Second Edition by Lancaster and Renfrow.
- You are responsible for all concepts from chapter 14-26 of the book.
- There will be a written part and a playing part in your test.
- Your test will last approx. 20 minutes.

Written portion

- 1) Be able to write and/or recognize the following scales and modes (Chapters 24-26).
 - Blues scales
 - Chromatic scales
 - Whole tone scale
 - All modes
- 2) Harmonization of a given melody
- 3) Scales fingering

Playing part

- 1) **Scales** ALL major and minors from pages 124-126, 142-143, 199-201, 223, 231-232, 273-275. Two octaves, hands together, minimum speed MM quarter note=60.
- 2) **Primary chord progression** I-IV-V7-I, in ALL major (pg 170) and minor keys (pg 210).
- 3) Chord progression on Pg 262 on C, G, A, F#, C#, F, Bb, Eb, Ab.
- 4) **Prepared Harmonization.** Practice ALL. You'll play only one pages 236-237, 258-259.
- 5) **Harmonization and Accompaniment.** Pg. 228, 268. Do not complete empty measures. You should be able to follow the given accompaniment pattern and chords without writing down the music.
- 6) **Transposition.** Pg 246, 247, 249. Prepare ALL with the transposition to the given key.
- 7) Improvisation on a given chord progression using different types of accompaniments (block chords, broken chords, waltz accompaniment, Alberti bass.)
- 8) **Sight reading.** You will be asked to sight read a very simple piece.
- 9) Prepare one **solo repertoire** piece. Doesn't have to be memorized. Choose **ONE** piece from pages 224, 238, 254, 263, 276- 277, 298-299, or from the Supplementary Repertoire pages 337-346, or an equal piece in difficulty previously approved by Dr. Macchioni.
You will be graded on:
 - Note accuracy
 - Rhythmic accuracy (tempo, meter, continuity)
 - Coordination technique
 - Expressive qualities (phrasing, articulation, dynamics, pedaling)