

MUS 45M

Elementary Piano Skills

(for those in MUSICIANSHIP series 52A, 52B, 152A and 152B,
and HARMONY series 53A, 53B, 153A and 153B)

Placement Exam via ZOOM

Saturday, AUGUST 29th, 1:00 – 5:00pm

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If you have placed into MUSICIANSHIP 52A, 52B, 152A or 152B, you are eligible to take the MUS 45M Piano Placement Exam.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this class is to gain necessary keyboard skills used in MUSICIANSHIP 52A, 52B, 152A and 152B. This course can be taken multiple semesters, with increasing difficulty as students advance in MUSICIANSHIP and HARMONY levels.

Student must have a personal keyboard or piano.

MATERIAL COVERED EACH SEMESTER

- 1) **SCALES** (with Broken – chords / Arpeggios)
- 2) **HARMONIC PROGRESSIONS** (same material from Musicianship level)
From symbols, play 4-part harmonic progressions in keyboard style, following proper voice-leading rules. Learn to transpose to other keys and play in different voicings.
- 3) **PIANO TECHNIQUE & REPERTOIRE**
- 4) **SIGHT-READING**
Assess score and devise strategy to play score at first attempt.

12 instructional weeks (one hour class, three hours outside preparation)

1 Mid-term, 1 Final

One Unit, P / NP