



Piano Placement Exam Information

All entering students requiring class piano (MUSC 1080/1085) as part of their degree requirements must take a piano placement exam. We recognize that students who come to study at Webster have varying backgrounds and experiences in reading notation and playing music. In order to help you succeed in class, you will be carefully assessed in your current abilities at the keyboard and placed at a piano level that is appropriate to your educational needs.

During your piano placement examination, expect to discuss and your musical background and ability to perform:

- Major and minor scales
- Chord Progressions
- Harmonization
- Transposition
- Sight Reading

If you wish, you may also prepare a piece of your choice to play.

Placement exams for incoming students are conducted as part of your audition day. (Keep in mind that piano placement is primarily for registration purposes and does not affect your acceptance to any program.) Placement exams are also offered before the Fall and Spring semesters for any students who need to be re-assessed for any reason.

For questions or concerns regarding piano placement please contact Dr. Melissa Coppola, Director of Keyboard Studies, at melissacoppola@webster.edu or 314-246-7043.