

SECONDARY PIANO PLACEMENT

Who takes Secondary Piano Placement?

The Secondary Piano Placement Test is required for all music majors who are non-keyboard principals. Keyboard principals can choose another secondary area such as voice or an instrument; however, all other music majors must take piano as their secondary applied area. (Music minors are not required to have a secondary area). Taking piano lessons will prepare you to take the Piano Proficiency Test which is required of all music majors at the end of the fourth semester of piano study.

When is the Secondary Piano Placement Evaluation given?

All placement tests (piano and theory) are administered on-line prior to Summer Orientation. Music placement results will be listed on individual students' schedules at orientation.

How can I prepare for the Secondary Piano Placement?

If you have never studied piano, you will want to start taking private piano lessons as soon as possible. In particular, you should concentrate on basic music reading at the keyboard as well as scale fingerings and basic chord study.

If you have already had piano lessons, prepare a classical piece at your current level of ability to play from memory. You will be asked to submit a video on-line.

What happens if I have never taken any piano lessons?

You must still go on-line to the Secondary Piano Placement Evaluation to fill out the survey, and most likely you will be placed in a beginning piano class.

What does the Secondary Piano Placement involve?

Your piano skills will be evaluated so that you can be placed in a proper level of piano study suitable for your current level of playing ability. The Piano Placement evaluates your ability to READ music at the keyboard as well as your general ability to play.

Can I play an original composition or other arrangement for the Secondary Piano Placement?

No. The purpose of this evaluation is to determine your ability to play classical music and to assess your ability to read music at the keyboard.

What if I have already passed a Piano Proficiency Exam at another college?

Even if you have passed a Piano Proficiency Test at another college you will still have to be evaluated regarding your CURRENT piano skills. You may have to study at least one semester of piano and then take Belmont's Piano Proficiency Test.