

## Piano Proficiency Placement at the UW-Madison Mead Witter School of Music

All music students at UW-Madison are expected to gain a certain level of piano proficiency. If students have a strong piano background in addition to their technical knowledge of their own major instrument, it is possible to test out of some or all of the semesters of required piano class. Students can discuss their level of piano proficiency and course selection with the School of Music Undergraduate Advisor, Todd Reck, at SOAR.

Piano proficiency auditions take place at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. If you have had previous piano instruction, you are encouraged to sign up for a piano placement test.

An audition sign-up sheet with specific times will be posted online in the summer before classes begin. If you have specific questions about the audition, please email Professor Jessica Johnson: [jgjohnson@wisc.edu](mailto:jgjohnson@wisc.edu)

If you have not had previous piano instruction you can talk to Todd at SOAR about piano course selection.

Depending on the degree program and major, piano requirements will vary from two to six semesters. Piano proficiency requirements for each music major can be found in [The Guide](#). Our music advisor will discuss specific requirements with students in greater detail when they begin advising and registration. It is **highly recommended** that students take these piano courses beginning in their first year of study as a music major.