

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
PIANO PLACEMENT
FOR KEYBOARD SKILLS CLASSES

PIANO PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

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A. Look at the following examples:

1. Can you play this example hands together? You may block the LH chord pattern.



Musical notation for example 1. The piece is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The right hand (RH) has a melodic line starting on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C#5, and D5. The left hand (LH) has a steady eighth-note bass line starting on G2, moving up stepwise to D4. The dynamic marking is *mp*.

2. Can you harmonize this lead line (melody RH, chords LH)?



Musical notation for example 2. The piece is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The right hand (RH) has a melodic line starting on a triplet of eighth notes (D4, E4, F#4), followed by quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C#5. The left hand (LH) has a chordal accompaniment. The dynamic marking is *mf*. The tempo is marked *Moderato*. Chord symbols above the staff are A, D, and E7. Roman numerals below the staff are I, IV, and V7.

- B. If the answer to (1) and (2) is “no” you must register for Piano 1, MUAG 1011. You **do not** have to take the piano placement test.

C. If your abilities are greater than the above description, please login to Piano Marvel and take the SASR test. **THIS IS HOW YOU PLACE INTO A HIGHER-LEVEL PIANO COURSE.**

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E. For more information or if you have questions, please visit the piano website at:
<https://piano.music.unt.edu/piano-placement-examinations> or email Dr. Brad Beckman, Coordinator of Keyboard Skills, at: Bradley.Beckman@unt.edu