

**STUDY GUIDE FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON UNDERGRADUATE KEYBOARD SKILLS PLACEMENT EXAM**

**Please note that Music Core Placements Exams are offered only once per year during Week of Welcome (WOW) – the week prior to the beginning of fall term. Typically, the Theory and Aural Skills placement exams take place Wednesday of WOW, and the Keyboard Skills placement takes place on Friday of WOW. By early September, WOW schedule details should be viewable on the SOMD website: <https://music.uoregon.edu>.**

**Keyboard Skills I-III – For those with less than 2 years of theory and piano**

- Interval identification by playing and saying note names, the given interval, and direction (ascending or descending).
- One-octave scales in major, minor forms, and all modes with solfege.
- Arpeggiate given major, minor, diminished, and augmented triads and their inversions.
- Arpeggiate major, minor, dominant, half, & fully-diminished chords and their inversions.
- Realize short I & V7 Roman Numeral progressions and Figured Bass lines in keyboard style with proper voice leading.
- Sight Reading single line melodies written in the Treble, Bass, Alto, and Tenor clefs.

**Keyboard Skills I-III Honors**

This is for students who can demonstrate the ability to play 2 octave major and minor scales hands together, have memorized piano repertoire, are piano majors or have had numerous years of private piano instruction.