Piano Proficiency

Students who complete the music major at Lewis & Clark must be proficient in piano. Students who have no or limited background in piano must complete 4 semesters of piano proficiency lessons. These 4 semesters of proficiency are required for the major and are paid for by the music department. Students may opt to test out of one or more levels of the proficiency sequence. If a student is able to do this, he/she may still take piano lessons after the 4th semester of piano proficiency has been completed. The music department will cover the cost of up to 4 semesters of piano lessons for music majors. Beyond this, music majors must pay for their piano instruction unless their primary instrument is the piano. Music majors whose primary instrument is the piano will receive piano lessons at no cost throughout their time at Lewis & Clark.

A passing grade of C on the final exam is required to pass each semester of piano proficiency.