Hello Music Students:

As part of the B.Mus Program, all students except piano majors are required to complete MUS 160.0 "Keyboard Proficiency". You can double-check if you are required to take this class by logging into DegreeWorks on PAWS and checking your program requirements.

To pass this course, each student must show a minimum keyboarding skill level of Royal Conservatory of Music Level 4. You may either bring me a copy of your RCM Level 4 Piano certificate (or higher) or perform on the piano at RCM Level 4. Performances will be assessed by a faculty member in the Department of Music.

This course is a self-instruction type course; therefore, there is no class meeting time. If you have minimal piano experience, it is YOUR responsibility to arrange for lessons from a qualified instructor to bring your skill level to a RCM Level 4 standard. There are many organizations and private piano instructors in Saskatoon that offer piano instruction. There may also be piano majors in our Music Department who have teaching experience. This 0 c.u. course is listed on your program monitor in Year 3, but this course may be completed *at any time* during your degree. MUS 160.0 will be found in T2 of the course catalogue each year.

Carolyn Doi, our music librarian, has created a wonderful "easy access" website listing the Royal Conservatory of Music Level 4 requirements. This website also lists which materials our library carries and where to find them. In addition, RCM books may be purchased from Long & McQuade or St. Johns Music.

<http://libguides.usask.ca/music/keyboardskills>

When you feel you are ready for assessment, contact Prof. Kathleen Solose (kathleen.solose@usask.ca) to set up an examination time.  It is recommended that you do NOT register for MUS 160 until you have passed the exam or provided Professor Solose with proof that you have obtained your RCM Grade 4 certificate on your own.

*This avoids a failing grade on your transcript* in the event that you do not pass this UofS exam.

Please also note that you must register for this course before, or at the very latest, within the last semester of your B.Mus. program. You may retake this Keyboard Skills Proficiency test at any point and at no cost, until you meet this degree requirement.

If you are unsure of what level you are at, you may decide to take the test as practice.

This is in fact recommended as it will give you valuable insight into adequately preparing you for the exam.

Please contact Prof. Kathleen Solose at kathleen.solose@usask.ca if you have any questions relating to MUS 1600.