Description of Music 170 (Basic Musicianship) Test-Out

Music 170 is the prerequisite to the Music Program's 3-course sequence in Music Theory & Composition. Students who have previously studied music theory may be able to test out of Music 170. Here's what you will need to know for the test-out.

The test-out starts out with rather basic material and then becomes more difficult.

A. Basic musical definitions.

B. Identifying pitch names – lines and spaces on staves.

C. Naming various note and rest types.

D. Working with Time Signatures

E. Completing intervals above a given note:

F. Identifying intervals

G. Key Signatures

H. Identification of scales/keys

I. Writing out scales