REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVELS 3-6
BYU INDEPENDENT STUDY ORGAN COURSES

This is an in-depth organ training program offered through the Brigham Young University organ faculty and Independent Study. The six courses (“Levels”) are designed to provide motivation and instruction for organists to improve their skills by working toward specific goals. An organist who succeeds through Level 6 should feel prepared to move into the Service Playing or Collegiate certificates of the American Guild of Organists. Organists may enter at any level for which he/she feels prepared. Interactive written instruction is offered through books and computer lessons, while performance instruction is coordinated with qualified organ instructors in the vicinity of the student. Each course is designed to be completed within one year.

THIS SUMMARY COVERS LEVELS 3, 4, 5, AND 6 ONLY

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LEVEL 3

Level 3 – Early Intermediate (those with substantial training and fluency in the basic organ fundamentals listed in Level 2. Should be able to sight-read two-part music. Music Theory prerequisites: an understanding of the music theory topics listed under Levels 1-2.)

I. ORGAN TECHNIQUE

The following organ method books are recommended. You may choose one of the five from which to play. If you desire, you may use another method book with the approval of your BYU course instructor. Any method used should develop the concepts and skills listed below using comparable exercises.

*Required texts: The OrganTutor Workbook (required) and The OrganTutor Online Tutorial (optional) are basic texts for the course, containing materials needed for passing Unit 1 in Levels 3-6. If you decide also to learn organ technique through OrganTutor, you will not need to purchase the Davis, Gleason, or Keeler books. The Ritchie/Stauffer text is also required for its organ historical/registration information.

Cook, Don, with contributions by Parley L. Belnap and Richard L. Elliott. The OrganTutor Workbook. ("OTW")

This volume contains the materials developed for the Brigham Young University Group Organ Program and the Independent Study organ courses. Its primary strength lies in the written materials, handouts, worksheets, and exercises that cover a wide range of topics. It is revised frequently to meet current needs. Ideally The OrganTutor Workbook is used together with The OrganTutor Online Tutorial.

(https://organtutor.byu.edu)

This online organ tutorial supports The OrganTutor Workbook. A subscription can be purchased for 6 months ($30) or 3 years ($50). Free 2-week subscriptions are available by emailing organ@byu.edu. The technique exercises and hymn projects appear in the workbook for practice and are demonstrated through video clips. Registration and other concepts are demonstrated through hundreds of audio clips.


This relatively new method book explores two basic techniques that are particularly fitting for Level 3: “modern” and “early,” for music written since and before about 1750. Its greatest strength lies in its coverage of organ historical information, and it serves as the required text for several of the Level 3-6 lessons.

This method book is widely accepted in organ teaching circles. It provides written instruction on important topics such as part playing, phrasing and articulation, fingering, and ornamentation, with useful appendices. Davis uses a moderately thorough approach to teaching technique. The choice of repertoire and careful editing are particular strengths of this volume.


This has been a standard resource in organ instruction for many years. It represents a thorough approach to teaching technique, and contains generous written instruction on elements of performance practice and other important topics, with a wide range of carefully-edited repertoire. The refinement of this book reflects Harold Gleason's many years of experience during and after his tenure at the Eastman School of Music. Gleason's wife Catharine Crozier continued with revisions in the editions published since his death.


Many organists associated with Brigham Young University have benefitted from the meticulous approach of J. J. Keeler. The technical studies in this volume represent a good approach to teaching legato technique. The repertoire section has been omitted in this edition. Some written instruction is included.

A. MANUAL TECHNIQUE: In addition to being fluent in basic manual techniques, learn to perform varieties of legato, non-legato, and staccato, as well as articulations and phrasings. Choose one of the following pieces from each of the two time periods:

Before 1800:
- Stauffer/Ritchie (fully fingered pieces): pp. 189-196; 197-199; 200-202
- Bach, J. S. "Gottes Sohn ist Kommen" (in Davis, pp. 82-83; Gleason, pp. 82-83)
- Pachelbel, Johann. "Christus, der ist mein Leben" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, ed. Hermann Keller; #19, pub. by C. F. Peters)
- Walther, Johann G. "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, #37)
- Zachau, Friedrich Wilhelm. "Vom Himmel hoch" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, #68)

After 1800:
- Franck “Andantino” (in *OrganTutor*)
- Any selection from Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 61-73
- Dupré, Marcel. “Christus, der uns selig macht” (in Davis p. 80 and Ritchie/Stauffer p. 67)
- Alain, Jehan. “Choral cistercien pour une elevation” (in Gleason p. 101)
- Elwell, Herbert. “Pentatonic Study” (in Gleason p. 64)
- Pinkham, Daniel. “Blest Be the Ties” (in Gleason p. 94)
- Pinkham, Daniel. “Voluntary IV” (in Gleason p. 98)
- Rorem, Ned. “Serenade” (in Gleason p. 99)

B. PEDAL TECHNIQUE: In addition to being fluent in basic pedal techniques, learn to perform varieties of legato, non-legato, and staccato, as well as articulations and phrasings. Prepare the indicated exercises/studies from one of the following method books:

- Cook: Groups 5, 8, 13, 15, 18, 19
- Keeler and Blackham: exs. 111b, 112, 113, 115-117
- Gleason: p. 131, no. 1; p. 132, no. 2; p. 133, nos. 1-3; p. 138, nos. 1-2, p. 139, nos. 1-2; p. 142
- Davis: p. 30, no. 2; p. 31, no. 6; p. 32, no. 4; p. 34, nos. 4, 5; p. 35, no. 4; p. 37, no. 1
- Stauffer/Ritchie: p. 85 ex. 9-10; p. 87 ex. 14-15; p. 97 ex. 20-23; p. 112 ex. 35-36; p. 124 ex. 49-51c; p. 175 ex. 4-6 plus the Fischer, Bach circle, and Fischer examples; p. 185-187

C. COMBINED MANUAL AND PEDAL TECHNIQUE

- Cook: Canon (Lemmens), Moderato con moto (Franck), Allegro (Kittel), Trio (Krebs)
- Keeler and Blackham: exs. 146, 149, 152, 153, 154, 157, 158
- Gleason: pp. 164, 166-173
- Davis: p. 104, nos. 2-3; p. 106; p. 107; pp. 110-111
- Stauffer/Ritchie: p. 96; p. 107; p. 110; p. 127

**II. ORGAN REPERTOIRE**

Learn and polish pieces from the following list as specified. For video or audio examples of selected pieces visit organ.byu.edu/rep-levels. You are welcome to propose comparable alternatives to the BYU organ faculty instructor. Please do so, however, prior to beginning work on the pieces.

A. PRE-1750
Choose at least two works from the following four:

Bach, Johann Sebastian, from Das Orgelbüchlein:
- "Ich ruf zu dir" (BWV 639)
- "Christe du Lamm Gottes" (BWV 619)
- "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" (BWV 618)

Buxtehude, Dieterich. "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" (BuxWV 211) (C.F. Peters ed., vol. 2)

Eight Short Preludes and Fugues, attrib. J. S. Bach (choose at least one prelude and fugue or two preludes):
- Prelude in C Major (BWV 553)
- Prelude and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 554)
- Prelude in F Major (BWV 556)
- Prelude and Fugue in G Major (BWV 557)
- Prelude in G Minor (BWV 558)

B. 1750-1900

Brahms, Johannes. "Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen," op. 122 no. 8, from Eleven Chorale Preludes.


Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix. Sonata IV, op. 65: Andante.


C. Since 1900

Cundick, Robert. "Meditation," available free through Cundick Meditation (free download).

Dupré, Marcel. Seventy-Nine Chorales, nos. 2, 12, 22, 28, 44, 48 (choose two).

Peeters, Flor. "O Gott, du frommer Gott," from Ten Chorale Preludes, op. 68 (also useful in Level 6)

III. HYMN PLAYING

Be able to play any hymn you choose with a sustained legato approach in addition to any alternative approaches you might be using. As described in OrganTutor under "Listening Skills for Practice," pay particular attention to precise releases, perfect legato, and independence of line.

The following books are recommended, and the concepts should be mastered in preparation for the performance of hymns:


Hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City, UT: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1985. (Most of the hymn tunes may be download free from https://www.lds.org/music/index/hymns/number)


The following hymns from the hymnbook listed above (and their hymn numbers) are well suited to this level. Other hymns of comparable difficulty may be substituted, including those from the Examination Hymn Booklet of the American Guild of Organists (request one from exams@agohq.org). Before beginning practice on substitute hymns, obtain approval from your BYU course instructor. The tune names of hymns that might be found in other hymnals are given in parentheses below.

2 The Spirit of God
12 Twas Witnessed in the Morning Sky (Solemn Melody)
15 I Saw a Mighty Angel Fly (Forest Green)
22 We Listen to a Prophet's Voice
24 God Bless Our Prophet Dear
26 Joseph Smith's First Prayer
28 Saints, Behold How Great Jehovah (Edgar)
30 Come, Come, Ye Saints (All Is Well)
31 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne)
40 Arise, O Glorious Zion
45 Lead Me into Life Eternal
47 We Will Sing of Zion
49 Adam-Ondi-Ahman (Prospect of Heaven)
50 Come, Thou Glorious Day of Promise
57 We're Not Ashamed to Own Our Lord
66 Rejoice, the Lord is King! (Jubilate)
72 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe den Herren)
73 Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice
135 My Redeemer Lives
141 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (St. Agnes)
147 Sweet is the Work
153 Lord, We Ask Thee Ere We Part
172 In Humility, Our Savior (Hyfrydol)
175 O God, the Eternal Father (Abschied)
182 We'll Sing All Hail to Jesus' Name
184 Upon the Cross of Calvary
187 God Loved Us, So He Sent His Son
188 Thy Will, O Lord, Be Done
202 O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste fideles)
218 We Give Thee But Thine Own (Schumann)
222 Hear Thou Our Hymn, O Lord
247 We Love Thy House, O God
267 How Wondrous and Great (Lyons)
The following items are divided between the three played assignments:

A. SINGLE VERSE. Choose and prepare one verse each of twelve hymns with the soprano, alto, and tenor voices on the Great manual and the bass voice in the pedals. In addition, prepare two hymns (which may be selected from the twelve) to be played on a manual only (no pedal). The score should be prepared as needed for a polished performance.

B. COMPLETE HYMN. Choose two or three hymns from this level to play completely (introduction and all verses, using a rearrangement of voices and/or a change of registration between verses at least once throughout the hymn). The score should be prepared as needed for a polished performance. Include each of the following techniques (soprano solo and tenor solo) at some point in one of the hymns. Use them more than once and/or in more than one hymn if you wish, but do not overuse:

1. For an entire verse, solo out the SOPRANO voice with the right hand (play soprano on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play alto and tenor on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Use this "soprano solo" technique in two ways:
   a. Play the soprano solo in the normal written range.
   b. Play the soprano down an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use lower-pitched stops.)

2. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the TENOR line has melodic interest. Solo out the tenor voice with the left hand (play tenor on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play soprano and alto on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "tenor solo" technique:
   a. Play the tenor solo in the normal written range.
   b. Play the tenor up an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use higher-pitched stops.)

IV. MUSIC THEORY

All information may be found in:

Other editions may be used and are even encouraged, but specific frame numbers referenced in the instructor feedback of the Speedback Assignments may not be accurate.

Know the following:

1. Basic terms and definitions of tonal music (tonal, keynote, key, iteration, tonality, tonal center, tonal harmony, intervals, chords, triads, harmonic interval, root, diatonic triads)
2. Names of the degrees of the scale, names and qualities of chords on degrees of the scale, primary and secondary triads, and basic harmonic progressions
3. Triads in root position – doubling and spacing (basic principles, chord spelling, figured bass, voice ranges, close and open structure)
4. Triads in root position – voice leading (practical writing from figured bass, kinds of relative motion, principles of good melodic motion, principles of good voice leading when connecting triads with roots a fifth, second, or third apart)
5. Triads in first and second inversion (identify root, figured bass, chord spelling, proper doubling, part writing, open and close structure, cadential six-four chords, Roman numeral analysis)

The Greg Steinke/Paul Harder books are programmed learning texts in music theory, designed for self-study. Chapters 1-5 should be completed during Level 3. Concepts covered in these chapters will be included in Speedback Assignments 2-4 and in each written examination.

V. ORGAN REGISTRATION

Information may be found in *Timeline of the Organ: 2600 Years of History* (required), in *The OrganTutor Workbook* (required), in the *OrganTutor Online Tutorial* (optional), in *Organ Technique: Modern and Early* (required), and in the books on registration listed in the bibliography (optional). Know the following:

Lesson 1 – History & Development of the Organ (*Timeline of the Organ*)
Lesson 2 – Types of Organ Registration and Musical Texture (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 3 – Chorus Registration (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 4 – Hymn Registration (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 5 – Solo and Accompaniment Registration (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 6 – Trio Registration (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 7 – The Process of Registrational Decision Making and Registration Mechanics (*OrganTutor*)
Lesson 9 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)
Lesson 12 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: J. S. Bach (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)

The Organ Registration portion of this course is in two parts. Lessons 1-7 cover the same basic competencies that are essential for all organists. These are taught in Levels 1-2 and reviewed in every level thereafter. Lessons 9 and 12 are new topics that continue a course of instruction on important style periods in organ construction, composition, and registration.

VI. ACCOMPANIMENT SKILLS

Practice reading easy four-part vocal scores (choral octavos in open score – where each part is written on its own staff). The voices should move in a hymn-like style. Choose and prepare one vocal score each to play for Played Assignments 2 and 3.

VII. SIGHT-READING

Be able to sight-read pieces of comparable difficulty to the following. Prepare to sight-read in this way for the evaluator during Played Assignments 1 and 3:


- Abide With Me
- How Gentle God's Commands
- Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee
- Sweet is the Work
- Lauda Anima, Azmon, Tuolon, Amazing Grace; and LDS Hymns 163, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" (Greenville), and 117, "Come Unto Jesus"

VIII. TRANPOSITION

Transpose the soprano voice (only) of two of the following hymns (may substitute) up to and including a major second up and down. Play one each for Played Assignments 1 and 3:

- 28 Saints, Behold How Great Jehovah
- 29 A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief
- 166 Abide with Me! (Eventide)
- 172 In Humility, Our Savior (Hyfrydol)
- 176 'Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love

LEVEL 4

**Level 4** – Intermediate (those with substantial training and fluency in the basic organ fundamentals listed in Level 2. Have training in organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play easy four-part vocal scores, to sight-read simple three- and four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose hymn melodies (only) up to and including a major second up and down. Music Theory prerequisites: an understanding of the music theory topics listed under Levels 1-3.)

I. ORGAN TECHNIQUE

The following organ method books are recommended. (See full descriptions under Level 3.) You may choose one of the five from which to play. If you desire, you may use another method book with the approval of your BYU course instructor. Any method used should develop the concepts and skills listed below using comparable exercises.

*Required texts: The OrganTutor Workbook (required) and The OrganTutor Online Tutorial (optional) are the basic texts for the course, containing materials needed for passing the written assignments and exams for Levels 1-2 and for Unit 1 in Levels 3-6. The Ritchie/Stauffer text is also required for its organ historical/registration information.  

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**A. MANUAL TECHNIQUE:** In addition to being fluent in basic manual techniques, learn to perform varieties of legato, non-legato, and staccato, as well as articulations and phrasings. Choose one of the following pieces from each of the two time periods:

**Before 1800:**
- Frescobaldi, Girolamo, “Canzona dopo l’Epistola” (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 207-210)
- Walther, Johann G. "Ein Feste Burg" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, #24)
- Walther, Johann G. "Lobt Gott ihr Christen allzugleich" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, #52)
- Bach, J. S. "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan, BWV 1116 (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 211-212)
- Bach, J.S., attrib. "Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit" (in *80 Chorale Preludes*, #28)

**After 1800:**
- Rinck, Johann. “Lento” (in Davis p. 79)
- Boëly, Alexandre-Pierre-François. “Verset for the Kyrie” (in Davis p. 85)
- Brahms, Johannes. “Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” (in Davis pp. 90-91)
- Boëllmann, Léon. “Verset” (in Davis p. 81)
- Schroeder, Hermann. “Andantino” (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 72-73)
- Dupré, Marcel. “Christus, der uns selig macht” (in Davis p. 80, and Dupré *Seventy-Nine Chorales* p. 17)
- Alain, Jehan. “Choral Cistercien pour une élévation” (in Gleason p. 101)
- Rorem, Ned. “Serenade” (in Gleason p. 99)

**B. PEDAL TECHNIQUE:** In addition to being fluent in basic pedal technique, learn to perform varieties of legato, non-legato, and staccato, as well as articulations and phrasings. Prepare the indicated exercises/studies from one of the following method books:

*OrganTutor Workbook*: Groups 16, 17, 19, 20, and “Pedal Passages from Organ Works of J. S. Bach”
- Keeler and Blackham: exs. 118-121
- Gleason: p. 129, no. 1; p. 130, nos. 2-4; p. 134; p. 139, nos. 3-5; pp. 143-144
- Davis: p. 37, nos. 2-4; p. 38, no. 1; p. 39, no. 3
- Ritchie/Stauffer: p. 135; p. 141; pp. 240-241

**II. ORGAN REPERTOIRE**

For each played assignment, play three or four of the ten pieces that you have chosen from the following list (different pieces each time). For video or audio examples of selected pieces visit organ.byu.edu/rep-levels. You are welcome to propose comparable alternatives (lower-medium difficulty) to the BYU organ faculty instructor. Please do so, however, prior to beginning work on the pieces.

**A. PRE-1750**
- Bach, J. S. (for this course, choose two works from *Orgelbüchlein*, one prelude, and one fugue).
- from *Orgelbüchlein*:
  - “Herr Christ, der ein’ge Gottes-Sohn” (BWV 601) (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 255-256)
  - "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (BWV 625)
  - “Jesus Christus, unser Heiland” (BWV 626) (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 253-254)
  - "Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag" (BWV 629)
  - "Alle Menschen müssen sterben" (BWV 643)
- from *Eight Short Preludes and Fugues*, attrib. J. S. Bach:
  - Prelude and Fugue in E Minor (BWV 555)
  - Fugue in G Minor (BWV 558)
  - Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major (BWV 560) (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 242-247)
Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ("Cathedral") (BWV 533) (in Leupold edition of *Orgelbüchlein*)

Other composers (for this course, choose one work):

- Sweelinck, Jan Pieterszoon, “Toccata” (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 224-226)
- Buxtehude, Dieterich:
  - "Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag" ("Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ" in Breitkopf & Härtel edition) (BuxWV 224)
  - "In dulci jubilo" (BuxWV 197)
  - "Präludium in G Major, BuxWV 147 (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 248-252)
- Pachelbel, Johann:
  - Toccata in E Minor
  - "Vom Himmel hoch" (trio)
- Couperin, François, “Récit de Cromhorne” (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 327-330 plus ornamentation info.)
- Lidon, José, “Sonata de 1º tono (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 231-234)

B. 1750-1900 (for this course, prepare three works, or approved alternatives):

- Brahms, Johannes. "Herzliebster Jesu" from *Eleven Chorale Preludes*, op. 122, no. 2
- Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix. Sonata III, op. 65: Andante tranquillo
- Sonata VI, op. 65: Fugue in D Minor (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 151-156)
- Rheinberger, Josef. Pastorale Sonata, op. 88, no. 3: slow movement
- Trio No. 6 in E-flat Major (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 148-151)
- Trio No. 4 in D-flat Major (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 132-134)
- Rinck, Johann Christian Heinrich, “Postlude in D Minor” (in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 142-148)

C. Since 1900 (for this course, choose two works):

- Dupré, Marcel "I Am Black but Comely" from *Fifteen Pieces Founded on Antiphons*, op. 18, no. 3
- Schroeder, Hermann. "In stiller Nacht" from *Sechs Orgelchoräle*, op. 11
- Rorem, Ned, “There Is a Spirit That Delights to Do No Evil” (fully fingered in Ritchie/Stauffer pp. 161-163)

III. HYMN PLAYING

Be able to play any hymn you choose with a sustained legato approach in addition to any alternative approaches you might be using. As described in *OrganTutor* under "Listening Skills for Practice," pay particular attention to precise releases, perfect legato, and independence of line.

The following books are recommended, and the concepts should be mastered in preparation for the performance of hymns:

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113 Our Savior's Love  
124 Be Still, My Soul (Finlandia)  
133 Father in Heaven (Integer vitae)  
134 I Believe in Christ  
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146 Gently Raise the Sacred Strain  
166 Abide With Me (Eventide)  
171 With Humble Heart  
176 'Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love  
183 In Remembrance of Thy Suffering  

The following items are divided between the three played assignments:  
A. SINGLE VERSE. Choose and prepare one verse each of twelve of the hymns listed above with the soprano, alto, and tenor voices on the Great manual and the bass voice in the pedals. In addition, prepare two hymns (which may be selected from the twelve) to be played on a manual only (no pedal). The score should be prepared as needed for a polished performance.  
B. COMPLETE HYMN. Choose three or four hymns from this level to play completely (introduction and all verses, using a rearrangement of voices and/or a change of registration between verses at least once throughout the hymn). Include each of the following techniques at some point in one of the hymns. Use them more than once and/or in more than one hymn if you wish, but do not overuse:  
1. Choose a section of two hymns (at least two phrases) where the ALTO line has melodic interest, and play the alto voice an octave higher. Therefore, the alto will be played an octave higher than written by the upper part of the right hand (fingers 3, 4, and 5), and the soprano will be played as written but with the lower part of the right hand (fingers 1, 2, and 3).  
2. Where musically effective in the alto, tenor, and/or bass voice(s), add PASSING TONES to fill in melodic skips of a third, and insert NEIGHBOR TONES between repeated notes. Also, use PEDAL POINT effectively in the pedals.  
3. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the TENOR line has melodic interest. Solo out the tenor voice with the left hand (play tenor on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play soprano and alto on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "tenor solo" technique:  
   a. Play the tenor solo in the normal written range.  
   b. Play the tenor up an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use higher-pitched stops.)  
4. For an entire verse, solo out the SOPRANO voice with the right hand (play soprano on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play alto and tenor on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "soprano solo" technique:  
   a. Play the soprano solo in the normal written range.  
   b. Play the soprano down an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use lower-pitched stops.)  

IV. MUSIC THEORY  
All information may be found in:  
Other editions may be used and are even encouraged, but specific chapter numbers and the frame numbers referenced in the instructor feedback of the Speedback Assignments may not be accurate.  

Know the following:  
1. Introduction to seventh chords (diatonic seventh chords, seven types, Roman numeral analysis, figured bass, inversions, close and open structure, active tones, resolution, irregular doubling, dominant seventh).  
2. Phrase structure and cadences (phrase, melodic contour, authentic cadence, plagal cadence, half cadence, deceptive cadence, final and non-final cadences, perfect and imperfect cadences, Picardy third, phrygian cadence).  
3. Nonharmonic tones (identify and know how to write the following: passing tone – unaccented and accented, neighboring tone, appoggiatura, escape tone, anticipation, suspension, retardation, ornamentation, changing tone, pedal, free tone).
4. Harmonic progression (progression/retrorgression, relative strength of various types of root movement, primary triads and their secondary triads in harmonic progression, structural and embellishing harmony, relation of a basic harmonic structure to the phrase as a whole).

5. Melody harmonization (tonality, choice of cadence, harmonic rhythm, tonic emphasis, basic harmonic structure, embellishments of basic harmonic structure, bass line, alto and tenor, adjustments).

The Greg Steinke/Paul Harder book is a programmed learning text in music theory, designed for self-study. Chapters 6-10 should be completed during Level 4. Concepts covered in these chapters will be included in Speedback Assignments 3-4 and in the written exams for Units 2 and 3.

V. ORGAN REGISTRATION

Information may be found in Timeline of the Organ: 2600 Years of History (required), in The OrganTutor Workbook (required), in the OrganTutor Computer Tutorial (optional), in Organ Technique: Modern and Early (required), and in the books on registration listed in the bibliography (optional). Know the following:

Lesson 1 – History & Development of the Organ (Timeline of the Organ)
Lesson 2 – Types of Organ Registration and Musical Texture (OrganTutor)
Lesson 3 – Chorus Registration (OrganTutor)
Lesson 4 – Hymn Registration (OrganTutor)
Lesson 5 – Solo and Accompaniment Registration (OrganTutor)
Lesson 6 – Trio Registration (OrganTutor)
Lesson 7 – The Process of Registrational Decision Making and Registration Mechanics (OrganTutor)
Lesson 9 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century France (Organ Technique: Modern and Early)
Lesson 12 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Nineteenth-Century Germany (Organ Technique: Modern and Early)

The Organ Registration portion of this course is in two parts. Lessons 1-7 cover basic competencies that are essential for all organists. These are taught in Levels 1-2 and reviewed in every level thereafter. Lessons 9 and 12 are new topics that continue a course of instruction on important style periods in organ construction, composition, and registration.

VI. ACCOMPANIMENT SKILLS

A. Score reading. Prepare four four-part vocal scores, either manual only or with pedal. Include the following Complete Edition with Accompaniments of Master Choruses, selected by Hugh Ross, John Smallman, and H. Alexander Matthew. Boston, MA: Oliver Ditson, 1933.

"In dulci jubilo," p. 96, verse 1
"Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," p. 191
"O vos omnes," p. 284

From the Internet - free downloads (this list is also used in Level 5):

Morley, “Now is the Gentle Season” http://www3.cpdl.org/wiki/images/0/07/Now_is_the_gentle_season_-_The_fields_abroad.pdf

"God So Loved the World," by John Stainer, p. 28  
"Beautiful Savior," arr. J. Spencer Cornwall, p. 38  
"Most Holy Spirit," by Leroy J. Robertson, p. 41  
"Behold a Host Arrayed in White," by Edvard Grieg, p. 15

Works of similar difficulty may be substituted in either score reading or accompaniment sections.

**VII. SIGHT-READING**

Be able to sight-read pieces of comparable difficulty to the following (very easy pedal, one part in each hand):

  - How Great the Wisdom
  - In Humility Our Savior
  - Israel, Israel, God Is Calling
  - Oh How Lovely Was the Morning
  - Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief


- Elliott, Richard L., “Prelude on ‘Converse’,” in *OrganTutor Workbook*

- Four-part hymns:
  - How Gentle God's Commands [Blest Be the Tie] (Dennis)
  - In Humility, Our Savior [Jesus, Jesus, We Adore Thee] (Hyfrydol)

**VIII. TRANSPOSITION**

Practice transposing simple hymns and folk tunes of easy two-part composition into all keys up to and including a major second up and down. For each Played Assignment, transpose into those keys the soprano and alto parts of the following hymns:

- 204 Silent Night (Stille Nacht)
- 95 Now Thank We All Our God (Nun danket) or 166 Abide with Me (Eventide)
- 72 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

**LEVEL 5**

**Level 5** – Early advanced (those with substantial training and fluency in the basic organ fundamentals listed in Level 2, and in intermediate organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play moderately difficult four-part vocal scores and easy choir accompaniments, to sight-read moderately difficult four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose simple hymns into all keys up to and including a major second up and down. Music Theory prerequisites: an understanding of the music theory topics listed under Levels 1-4.)

**I. PIANO TECHNIQUE**

Practice the following technical studies hands together at the piano. For each played assignment, choose *two* of the six items (a different pair of items each time) to play for the evaluator:

1. Scales: four notes to the beat (M. 112), parallel and contrary motion, 2 octaves up and down in all major and at least one form of minor keys
2. Chromatic scale: four notes to the beat (M. 112), two octaves up and down
3. Arpeggios (four notes to the beat, four octaves up and down):
   a. Root position (M. 88), all major and minor keys
   b. vii^7 chord (M. 66), starting on C, C#, and D
   c. V7 chord (M. 66), starting on all 12 keys
4. Block chords: four notes in each hand, as in 3a, 3b, and 3c above, inverted through a compass of two octaves up and down, each chord being played as a quarter note (M. 88)
5. Broken chords: all major and minor keys, two octaves up and down (M. 88)
6. Selected studies from any of the following:
   a. *The Virtuoso Pianist* by Hanon
b. 160 eight-measure exercises by Czerny  
c. School of Velocity, op. 299, by Czerny  
d. Comparable from Bertini, Cramer, Loeschhorn, Dohnanyi, etc.

II. ORGAN TECHNIQUE

Please choose one organ method book from which to review organ technique. The following are recommended, but you may use another method book with the approval of your BYU course instructor. Any method used should develop the same concepts and skills as those listed below using comparable exercises. For the second played assignment, be able to play any manual or pedal exercise in the book you have chosen.


III. ORGAN REPERTOIRE

For each played assignment, play five of the fifteen pieces that you have chosen from the following list (a different five pieces each time). For video or audio examples of selected pieces visit organ.byu.edu/rep-levels. You are welcome to propose comparable alternatives (medium difficulty) to the BYU organ faculty instructor. Please do so, however, prior to beginning work on the pieces.

A. PRE-1750

Bach, J. S. (two of the larger works:)  
Canzona in D Minor (BWV 588)  
“Little” Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578)  
Prelude and Fugue in C Minor (BWV 549)  
Toccata and Fugue in D Minor (BWV 565)  
(two works from Orgelbüchlein:)  
"Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich" (BWV 605)  
"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" (BWV 632)  
"Vater unser in Himmelreich" (BWV 636)  
"Es ist das Heil uns kommen her" (BWV 638)

Buxtehude, Dieterich (other German organ composers from this period may be considered)
(one chorale-based work:)

"Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist" (BuxWV 208 or 209)  
"Puer natus in Bethleem" (BuxWV 217)  
"Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit" (BuxWV 222)

(one other work:)

Fugue in C Major (BuxWV 174)  
Toccata in F Major (BuxWV 157, complete)

B. 1750-1900

Brahms, Johannes (do both, from Eleven Chorale Preludes, op. 122:)

"Herzlich tut mich verlangen" (op. 122, no. 9)  
"O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" (op. 122, no. 11)  
Franck, César (choose one:)

Adagio from "Fantaisie in C"  
Prelude from "Prelude, Fugue and Variation"

Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix. Sonata II, op. 65 (all four movements)

C. Since 1900 (two of the following:)

Boëllmann, Leon. Toccata from Suite Gothique, op. 25.
Chamberlin, David. LDS Hymn Voluntaries. (http://ChamberlinMusic.com), any piece of medium difficulty  
Dupré, Marcel. "How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou," from Fifteen Pieces founded on Antiphons, op. 18, no. 5.
Vierne, Louis. "Carillon" from Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style, vol. 2  
Walcha, Helmut. "Weicht ihr Berge, fallt ihr Hügel" from Fünfundzwanzig Choralvorspiele (C. F. Peters nr. 4850)
Wood, Dale. "Let Us Break Bread Together" (Augsburg 11-0856)
Wright, Searle. "Carol-Prelude on Greensleeves" (H. W. Gray, St. Cecilia Series 798)

A hymn setting of medium difficulty from this period may be acceptable
IV. HYMN PLAYING

In addition to any alternative approaches you might be using, the sustained legato approach must be used in several hymns during each played assignment, as appropriate. As described in OrganTutor under “Listening Skills for Practice,” pay particular attention to precise releases, perfect legato, and independence of line.

The following books are recommended, and the concepts should be mastered in preparation for the performance of hymns:


*Hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. Salt Lake City, UT: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1985. (Most of the hymn tunes may be download free from https://www.lds.org/music/index/hymns/number)


The following hymns from the hymnbook listed above (and their hymn numbers) are well suited to this level. Other hymns of comparable difficulty may be substituted, including those from the *Examination Hymn Booklet* of the American Guild of Organists (request one from exams@agohq.org). Before beginning practice on substitute hymns, obtain approval from your BYU course instructor. Do not choose hymns for this level that you played in previous levels, or those on the suggested list of simpler hymns. Also, do not play the same hymn in more than one played assignment. The tune names of hymns that might be found in other hymnals are given in parentheses below.

2 The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning* 151 We Meet, Dear Lord*

8 Awake and Arise 155 We Have Partaken of Thy Love

27 Praise to the Man 169 As Now We Take the Sacrament*

41 Let Zion in Her Beauty Rise (Ellacombe) 170 God, Our Father, Hear Us Pray

50 Come, Thou Glorious Day of Promise* 176 Tis Sweet to Sing the Matchless Love

61 Raise Your Voices to the Lord* 183 In Remembrance of Thy Suffering

63 Great King of Heaven 200 Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Easter Hymn)

68 A Mighty Fortress (Ein’ feste Burg) 222 Hear Thou Our Hymn, O Lord

70 Sing Praise to Him (Mit Freuden zart) 231 Father, Cheer Our Souls Tonight

82 For All the Saints (as written) (Sine nomine) 240 Know This, that Every Soul is Free

87 God is Love* 243 Let Us All Press On

110 Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord (Birmingham) 268 Come, All Whose Souls Are Lighted*

123 Oh, May My Soul Commune with Thee* 287 Rise, Ye Saints, and Temples Enter

138 Bless our Fast, We Pray 291 Turn Your Hearts

The following items are divided between the three played assignments:

A. SINGLE VERSE. For each played assignment, choose and prepare one verse each of four of the hymns listed above with the soprano, alto, and tenor voices on the Great manual and the bass voice in the pedals. In addition, prepare one hymn (which may be selected from the twelve) to be played on a manual only (no pedal). In all hymn playing, your choice of registration should reflect the spirit of the text.

B. COMPLETE HYMN. For each played assignment, choose one hymn from this level to prepare and play completely (creative introduction and all verses, using a rearrangement of voices and/or a change of registration between verses at least once throughout the hymn). Prepare the score completely, and prepare and execute a registrational plan that reflects the messages in the various verses of text.

For each complete hymn, play an effective CREATIVE INTRODUCTION. Make use of one or more creative techniques (pedal point, passing tones, reharmonization, etc.), while at the same time accomplishing the main purposes for the introduction (set the key, meter, tempo, and mood; clarify the hymn melody; encourage members of the congregation to sing). Use short or long introductions, depending on the traditions and expectations of your congregation. Create at least one of these introductions yourself; for the rest you may use those composed by others as long as they are effective.

C. CREATIVE TECHNIQUES. Include each of the following techniques in some hymn (either those in A or B above) at some point in the course. Use them more than once or in more than one hymn if you wish, but do not overuse creative techniques in any one hymn:

1. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the ALTO line has melodic interest, and play the alto voice an octave higher. In this way the alto will be played an octave higher than written by the upper part of the right hand (fingers 3, 4, and 5), and the soprano will be played as written but with the lower part of the right hand (fingers 1, 2, and 3).

2. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the TENOR line has melodic interest. Solo out the tenor voice with the left hand (play tenor on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play soprano and alto on a
different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "tenor solo" technique:

a. Play the tenor solo in the normal written range.
b. Play the tenor up an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use higher-pitched stops.)

3. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases each) from those marked with an asterisk (*) to play with the SOPRANO AND TENOR SWITCHED. Use one of the following methods:

a. Play the hands on the same manual or two different manuals. With the left hand, play the tenor voice up an octave (as described in the preceding paragraph). With the right hand on another manual, play the soprano voice an octave lower and the alto voice in the normal written range. In this way the soprano will be played by the lower part of the right hand (an octave lower than written), and the alto will be played by the upper part of the right hand (in the normal written range). For the registration of the left-hand (tenor) voice, you may choose either a more prominent (solo) sound, or a sound similar or identical to that of the right hand.

The role of the right hand may be easier understood by thinking of the "alto played up an octave" technique, as described a few paragraphs above, but with the whole right hand played down an octave. This seemingly complicated technique then becomes simply a combination of the "tenor solo" technique (up an octave) for the left hand, and the "alto up an octave" technique (with the hand played down an octave) for the right.

b. Play the hands either on the same manual or on different manuals. With the left hand, play the soprano voice down an octave. With the right hand, play the tenor voice up an octave and the alto voice in the normal written range. If you choose to play on different manuals, use stops that would give the soprano voice (played by the left hand in the tenor range) a more prominent sound.

4. For an entire verse, solo out the SOPRANO voice with the right hand (play soprano on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play alto and tenor on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "soprano solo" technique:

a. Play the soprano solo in the normal written range.
b. Play the soprano down an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use lower-pitched stops.)

5. Where musically effective in the alto, tenor, and/or bass voice(s), add PASSING TONES to fill in melodic skips of a third, and insert NEIGHBOR TONES between repeated notes. Also, use PEDAL POINT effectively in the pedals.

6. Choose two of the more meditative hymns in which to add two or three SUSPENSIONS. (If your congregation sings in parts, do not use this technique as part of your complete hymn. It would be more appropriate for prelude-style harmonic embellishment.)

7. Find an appropriate FREE ACCOMPANIMENT (hymn harmonization, reharmonization) for each of two hymns, and play it on the last verse. You may play an interlude prior to the free accompaniment if you wish.

V. MUSIC THEORY

All information may be found in:

Other editions may be used and are even encouraged, but specific chapter numbers and the frame numbers referenced in the instructor feedback of the Speedback Assignments may not be accurate.

Know the following:

1. Seventh chords (dissonance, diatonic seventh chords [major-minor, half-diminished, inverted, etc.], dominant seventh chord)
2. Nondominant seventh chords (passive resolution, cadence effect, sequence patterns, regular and irregular resolutions)
3. Altered nonharmonic tones and secondary dominants (foreign tones, tonal color, alteration of scale degrees, chromatic passing tones, false [cross] relation, double neighboring tones, chromatic mediants, tonicization, dominant function, dominant relation, leading tone relation, sequence of chords)
4. Modulation to closely related keys (transient modulation, tonal reference, change of mode, phrase modulation, modulating sequence, pivot chord modulation, diatonic modulation, chromatic modulation)
5. Borrowed chords (modal mixture, modal exchange, Picardy third, deceptive cadence, ambiguity of modality)
6. Augmented sixth chords [Italian, German, French, English] (chromatic alteration, altered chords [subdominant, subdominant seventh, supertonic seventh], motive/motif)

The Greg Steinke/Paul Harder book is a programmed learning text in music theory, designed for self-study. Chapters 1-6 should be completed during Level 5. Concepts covered in these chapters will be included in the written exams for Units 2-3.
VI. ORGAN REGISTRATION

Information may be found in *Timeline of the Organ: 2600 Years of History* (required), in *The OrganTutor Workbook* (required), in the *OrganTutor Computer Tutorial* (optional), in *Organ Technique: Modern and Early* (required), and in the books on registration listed in the bibliography (optional). Know the following:

- Lesson 1 – History & Development of the Organ (*Timeline of the Organ*)
- Lesson 2 – Types of Organ Registration and Musical Texture (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 3 – Chorus Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 4 – Hymn Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 5 – Solo and Accompaniment Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 6 – Trio Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 7 – The Process of Registrational Decision Making and Registration Mechanics (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 9 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Nineteenth-Century France (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)
- Lesson 12 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Italy (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)

The Organ Registration portion of this course is in two parts. Lessons 1-7 cover basic competencies that are essential for all organists. These are taught in Levels 1-2 and reviewed in every level thereafter. Lessons 9 and 12 are new topics that continue a course of instruction on important style periods in organ construction, composition, and registration.

VII. ACCOMPANIMENT SKILLS

A. Score Reading. Prepare and play one four-part vocal score (choral music in open score – where each part is written on its own staff) for each of the three played assignments. For each piece decide whether to play the bass part in the manual or the pedal. Choose from the following (works of a similar nature may be substituted):

- From the Complete Edition with Accompaniments of *Master Choruses*, selected by Hugh Ross, John Smallman, and H. Alexander Matthew. Boston, MA: Oliver Ditson, 1933:
  - "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee," p. 47
  - "Cherubim Song," p. 59
  - "Tenebrae factae sunt," p. 230

- From the Internet - free downloads (choose those that you did not use in Level 4):
  - Bruckner, “Pange Lingua” [link to download]
  - Durón, “Negliya que quela” [link to download]
  - Gounod, “O Divine Redeemer” [link to download]
  - Liszt, “Salve Regina” [link to download]
  - Martini, “Populum humilem” [link to download]
  - Mendelssohn, “Three Motets” (selections) [link to download]
  - Morales, “Pastores dicite” [link to download]
  - Morley, “Now is the Gentle Season” [link to download]
  - Mozart, “Rex tremendae” [link to download]
  - Stainer, “O Emmanuel” [link to download]
  - Stanford, “Peace; Come Away” [link to download]
  - Stephens, “Rain” [link to download]

B. Accompaniments. Prepare and play one accompaniment for each of the three played assignments. One of them must be a realization of a figured bass from the Baroque period. The following resource might be helpful for both the accompaniments and the adaptation: Campbell, John. *Accompaniment and Adaptation Practicum* [link to website]. New York: American Guild of Organists, n.d.

Choose from the following (works of a similar nature may be substituted):

- From the Internet (free downloads):
  - Brahms, “Geistliches Lied” [link to download] (easy)
  - Vierne, “Ave Maria” [link to download] (easy)
  - Stainer, “Agnus Dei” [link to download] (easy)
  - Brahms, “Ave Maria” [link to download]
  - Buck, “He shall come down like rain” [link to download] (easy)
  - Buck, “Lord, thou hast been our refuge” [link to download] (easy)
Stainer, “Magnificat and nunc dimittis”
   http://www1.cpdl.org/wiki/images/c/cc/Stainer_magnificat_and_nunc_dimittis_in_b_flat.pdf (long)

From The Choirbook, Salt Lake City, UT: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1980:
"The Morning Breaks," arr. Hal K. Campbell, p. 4
"Jesus, Saviour," by W. A. Mozart, p. 33
"The Lord's Prayer," by B. Cecil Gates, p. 42
"Song of Praise," by Leroy J. Robertson, p. 56

With figured bass (basso continuo) (free downloads):
Fawcett, “Lo, he comes with clouds descending”  http://www2.cpdl.org/wiki/images/2/21/FaweJ-LoHeComes.pdf (very easy)
Clark, “When, overwhelmed with grief”  http://www2.cpdl.org/wiki/images/1/1f/ClarT-WhenOverwhelmed.pdf

Figured bass resources:
For a quick reference on basso continue playing, visit
For a more thorough discussion of figured bass, search “figured bass derek remes”. Find many more online
resources by searching “figured bass”.

See below two examples below of basso continuos that have been realized – for reference only:
Purcell, “Love thou art best of Humane Joys”
   http://www.drdrbill.com/downloads/music/Purcell/Orpheus/Love/Love.pdf
Purcell, “Sound Trumpet Sound, beat ev’ry Drum”

C. Adaptation. Study and compare the vocal/piano and the vocal/organ scores of “The Lord’s Prayer,” by Albert Hay
Mallott. Identify each pianist pattern that was adapted for the organ, and be able to describe how it was adapted. Your
understanding of this process will be evaluated as part of the third played assignment. (The following resource might be
New York: American Guild of Organists, n.d.)

VIII. SIGHT-READING

As part of Played Assignments 1 and 3 you will be presented with an example to sight-read that is comparable to those
described below (moderately easy pedal, three parts between the two hands). You will have one minute to look through the
music before playing.

Practice sight-reading four-part hymns of comparable difficulty to the suggested list of simpler hymns marked with an
asterisk (*).

Also, practice sight-reading organ pieces of comparable difficulty to the following pieces composed or edited by Robert
Cundick (free download at http://organ.byu.edu/cundickBookComplete.pdf):
"Andante Espressivo," p. 4, by J. J. Froberger
"Interlude," p. 7, by B. Marcello
"Sarabande," p. 8, by J. J. Froberger
"Andantino in G Minor," p. 12, by A. F. Hesse
"Meditation," p. 44 (only), by R. Cundick
"Variations on a Ground Bass," p. 48, 50, 51, 55 (only), by T. Vitali
IX. TRANSPOSITION

Practice transposing the simpler hymns (see suggested list) into all keys up to and including a major second up and down. The use of the pedal is recommended but not required. Do both of the following for Played Assignments 1 and 3:

A. Prepared transposition. Transpose one hymn (your choice) as described above. Use a different hymn for each played assignment. No play-through in the original key or written transposition will be permitted.

B. Transposition at sight. Transpose at sight the soprano and alto lines (together) of a simple hymn or folk tune. The music will be provided, and one minute of preparation time away from the keyboard will be permitted.

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LEVEL 6

Level 6 – Advanced (those with substantial training and fluency in the basic organ fundamentals listed in Level 2, and in early advanced organ pieces in both legato and articulate styles. Should be able to play more difficult four-part vocal scores and choir accompaniments, to sight-read more difficult four-part organ music and hymns, and to transpose moderately difficult hymns into all keys up to and including a major second up and down. Music theory prerequisites: an understanding of the music theory topics listed under Levels 1-5.)

I. PIANO TECHNIQUE

Practice the following technical studies hands together at the piano. For each played assignment, choose two of the six items (a different pair of items each time) to play for the evaluator:

1. Scales: four notes to the beat (M. 120), parallel and contrary motion, two octaves up and down in all major and at least one form of minor keys
2. Chromatic scale: four notes to the beat (M. 120), two octaves up and down
3. Arpeggios (four notes to the beat, four octaves up and down):
   a. Root position (M. 96), all major and minor keys
   b. vii°7 chord (M. 76), starting on C, C#, and D
   c. V7 chord (M. 76), starting on all 12 keys
4. Block chords: four notes in each hand, inverted through a compass of two octaves up and down, each chord being played as a quarter note (M. 96)
5. Broken chords: all major and minor keys, two octaves up and down (M. 96)
6. Selected studies from any of the following:
   a. The Virtuoso Pianist by Hanon
   b. 160 eight-measure exercises by Czerny
   c. School of Velocity, op. 299, by Czerny
   d. Comparable from Bertini, Cramer, Loeschhorn, Dohnanyi, etc.

II. ORGAN REPERTOIRE

For each played assignment, play five of the fifteen pieces that you have chosen from the following list (a different five pieces each time). For video or audio examples of selected pieces visit organ.byu.edu/rep-levels. You are welcome to propose comparable alternatives to the BYU organ faculty instructor. Please do so, however, prior to beginning work on the pieces. They must be of upper-medium difficulty.

A. PRE-1750
   Bach, Johann Sebastian
   (from Orgelbüchlein, at least two):
   "Gott, durch deine Güte" (BWV 600)
   "In dulci Jubilo" (BWV 608)
   "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" (BWV 618)
   "Christus der uns selig macht" (BWV 620)
   "Erstanden ist der heil'ge Tag" (BWV 628)
"Komm Gott Schöpfer" (BWV 631)
"Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot" (BWV 635)
"Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein" (BWV 641)
(at least one prelude and fugue:)
Prelude and Fugue in A Major (BWV 536)
Prelude and Fugue in C Major (BWV 545)

Buxtehude, Dieterich (other German organ composers from this period may be considered)

(one chorale-based work:)
"Ein Feste Burg" (BuxWV 184)
"Herzlich tut mich verlangen" ("Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder") (BuxWV 178)

(one other work:)
Passacaglia in D Minor (BuxWV 161)
Präludium in C Major (BuxWV 136)

Other Baroque works (choose one work:)
Couperin, François. "Chromhorne sur la taille" (Gloria, 5th couplet) from Mass for the Convents. Or any single verset from Mass for the Convents or Mass for the Parishes.
Frescobaldi, Girolamo. Toccata per l'Elevatione from "Messa delli apostoli," Fiori musicali (1635)
Pachelbel, Johann. Fugue on "Vom Himmel hoch"
Stanley, John.
Voluntary VII, op. 5
Voluntary IX, op. 7

Any piece of upper-medium difficulty from 80 Chorale Preludes.

B. 1750-1900

Brahms, Johannes. From Eleven Chorale Preludes, op. 122 (choose both of these works or the Frank work:)
"Herzlich tut mich erfreuen" (op. 122, no. 4)
"Herzlich tut mich verlangen" (op. 122, no. 10)

Franck, César. Fugue and variation from "Prelude, Fugue and Variation."

Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix. (choose one):
Sonata IV, op. 65: Allegretto
Sonata VI, op. 65: Andante

(Choose two more pieces from the remainder of the 1750-1900 list:)
Rheinberger, Josep.
Intermezzo, from Sonata 4
Intermezzo, from Sonata 3
Cantilene, from Sonata 11

Saint-Saëns, Camille.
Prélude, op. 99, no. 3
Prélude, op. 109, no. 1

Schumann.
Studies for Pedal Piano, op. 56, no. 1
Sketches for Pedal Piano, op. 58, No. 1 or no. 4
Fugue on BACH, op. 60, no. III

Samuel Wesley.

Air and Gavotte (from Tallis to Wesley, No. 7, Samuel Wesley: Twelve Short Pieces, no. 8 & 9. [These two count as one piece.])

C. Since 1900 (choose four pieces:)
Gigout, Eugéné. Toccata.
Manookin, Robert. "How Gentle God's Commands."
"God of Grace." In Ten Chorale Improvisations, Set 5.
Parry, C. Hubert H. Chorale Prelude on "Melcombe."
Peeters, Flor. "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" ("Wachet Aul"), op. 68, no. 5.
Reger, Max. Melodia, op. 59, no. 11 (bk 2).
III. HYMN PLAYING

In addition to any alternative approaches you might be using, the sustained legato approach must be used in several hymns during each played assignment, as appropriate. As described in OrganTutor under "Listening Skills for Practice," pay particular attention to precise releases, perfect legato, and independence of line.

The following resources are recommended, and the concepts from at least one of them should be mastered in preparation for the performance of hymns:

The hymns listed below from the following hymnbook are well suited to this level:
Hymns of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Salt Lake City, UT: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1985. (Most of the hymn tunes may be download free from https://www.lds.org/music/index/hymns/number)

Other hymns of comparable difficulty may be substituted, including those from the Examination Hymn Booklet of the American Guild of Organists (request one from exams@agohq.org). Before beginning practice on substitute hymns, obtain approval from your BYU course instructor. Do not choose hymns for this level that you played in previous levels, or those on the suggested list of simpler hymns. Also, do not play the same hymn in more than one played assignment. The tune names of hymns that might be found in other hymnals are given in parentheses below.

28 Saints, Behold How Great Jehovah
31 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne)
35 For the Strength of the Hills
62 All Creatures of Our God and King (Lasst uns erfreuen)
69 All Glory, Laud, and Honor (St. Theodulph)
72 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Lobe den Herren)
81 Press Forward, Saints
150 O Thou Kind and Gracious Father
166 Abide with Me! (Eventide)

The following items are divided between the three played assignments:

A. SINGLE VERSE. For each of the played assignments, choose and prepare one verse each of three of the hymns listed above with the soprano, alto, and tenor voices on the Great manual and the bass voice in the pedals. In addition, prepare one hymn (which may be selected from those you will play in this level) to be played on a manual only (no pedal). In all hymn playing, your choice of registration should reflect the spirit of the text.

B. COMPLETE HYMN. For each of the played assignments, choose one hymn from this level to prepare and play completely (a creative introduction and all verses, using a rearrangement of voices and/or a change of registration between verses at least once throughout the hymn). Prepare the score completely, and prepare and execute a registrational plan that reflects the messages in the various verses of text.

For each complete hymn, play an effective CREATIVE INTRODUCTION. Make use of one or more creative techniques (pedal point, passing tones, reharmonization, etc.), while at the same time accomplishing the main purposes for the introduction (set the key, meter, tempo, and mood; clarify the hymn melody; encourage members of the congregation to sing). Use short or long introductions, depending on the traditions and expectations of your congregation. Create at least one introduction yourself; for the rest you may use those composed by others as long as they are effective.

C. CREATIVE TECHNIQUES. Include each of the following techniques in some hymn (either those in A or B above) at some point in the course. Use them more than once or in more than one hymn if you wish, but do not overuse creative techniques in any one hymn:

1. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the ALTO line has melodic interest, and play the alto voice an octave higher. In this way the alto will be played an octave higher than written by the upper part of the right hand.
(fingers 3, 4, and 5), and the soprano will be played as written but with the lower part of the right hand (fingers 1, 2, and 3).

2. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) where the TENOR line has melodic interest. Solo out the tenor voice with the left hand (play tenor on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play soprano and alto on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "tenor solo" technique:
   a. Play the tenor solo in the normal written range.
   b. Play the tenor up an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use higher-pitched stops.)

3. Choose a section of a hymn (at least two phrases) to play with the SOPRANO AND TENOR SWITCHED. Use one of the following methods:
   a. Play the hands on the same manual or two different manuals. With the left hand, play the tenor voice up an octave (as described in the preceding paragraph). With the right hand on another manual, play the soprano voice an octave lower and the alto voice in the normal written range. In this way the soprano will be played by the lower part of the right hand (an octave lower than written), and the alto will be played by the upper part of the right hand (in the normal written range). If you play on two manuals, for the registration of the left-hand (tenor) voice, you may choose either a more prominent (solo) sound, or a sound similar to that of the right hand.
   b. Play the hands either on the same manual or on different manuals. With the left hand, play the soprano voice down an octave. With the right hand, play the tenor voice up an octave and the alto voice in the normal written range. If you choose to play on different manuals, use stops that would give the soprano voice (played by the left hand in the tenor range) a more prominent sound.

4. For an entire verse, solo out the SOPRANO voice with the right hand (play soprano on a manual with a more prominent [solo] sound, and play alto and tenor on a different manual with a less prominent [accompanimental] sound). Choose one of the following ways of applying this "soprano solo" technique:
   a. Play the soprano solo in the normal written range.
   b. Play the soprano down an octave. (Move the hand; don't just use lower-pitched stops.)

5. Where musically effective in the alto, tenor, and/or bass voice(s), add PASSING TONES to fill in melodic skips of a third, and insert NEIGHBOR TONES between repeated notes. Also, use PEDAL POINT effectively in the pedals.

6. Choose two of the more meditative hymns in which to add two or three SUSPENSIONS. (If your congregation sings in parts, do not use this technique as part of your complete hymn. It would be more appropriate for prelude-style harmonic embellishment.)

7. Choose two hymns in which to treat the soprano voice as a PEDAL SOLO, registered with one or more prominent 4' stop(s). Play the alto, tenor, and bass voices on a manual with a softer accompanimental registration. Rather than using this technique as part of your complete hymn, it is more practical when used as a prelude-style rearrangement of voices.

8. Write an appropriate FREE ACCOMPANIMENT (hymn harmonization, reharmonization) for each of two hymns, and play it on the last verse. You may play an interlude prior to the free accompaniment if you wish.

IV. MUSIC THEORY

All information may be found in:

Other editions may be used and are even encouraged, but specific chapter numbers and the frame numbers referenced in the instructor feedback of the Speedback Assignments may not be accurate.

Know the following:
1. Neapolitan sixth chord, altered dominants, and diminished seventh chords (altered supertonic triad, tritone relationship, altered dominants, diminished seventh chords, enharmonic spellings)
2. Chromatic third-relation harmony (tonal instability, tonal expansion, color harmony, functional/nonfunctional harmony, "chromatic stress", ambiguous tonal effect, tonal fluidity, symmetrical relationships)
3. Modulation to foreign [remote, distant, semirelated] keys (2 chapters)
4. Ninth, eleventh, and thirteenth chords (tertian extension, incidental melodic occurrences, tone cluster, chromatic median seventh chord, dominant [eleventh, thirteenth] chord, polychord, appoggiatura chord, impressionistic music, palindrome, pandiatonicism, atonality, pantonality)
The Greg Steinke/Paul Harder book is a programmed learning text in music theory, designed for self-study. Chapters 7-11 should be completed during Level 6. Concepts covered in these chapters will be included in the written exams for Units 2-3.

V. ORGAN REGISTRATION

Information may be found in *Timeline of the Organ: 2600 Years of History* (required), in *The OrganTutor Workbook* (required), in the *OrganTutor Computer Tutorial* (optional), in *Organ Technique: Modern and Early* (required), and in the books on registration listed in the bibliography (optional). Know the following:

- Lesson 1 – History & Development of the Organ (*Timeline of the Organ*)
- Lesson 2 – Types of Organ Registration and Musical Texture (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 3 – Chorus Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 4 – Hymn Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 5 – Solo and Accompaniment Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 6 – Trio Registration (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 7 – The Process of Registrational Decision Making and Registration Mechanics (*OrganTutor*)
- Lesson 9 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: 20th Century (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)
- Lesson 12 – Historical Styles in Organ Building and Registration: Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century England (*Organ Technique: Modern and Early*)

The Organ Registration portion of this course is in two parts. Lessons 1-7 cover basic competencies that are essential for all organists. These are taught in Levels 1-2 and reviewed in every level thereafter. Lessons 9 and 12 are new topics that continue a course of instruction on important style periods in organ construction, composition, and registration.

VI. ACCOMPANIMENT SKILLS

A. Score Reading. Prepare and play one four-part vocal score (choral music in open score – where each part is written on its own staff) for each of the three played assignments. For each piece decide whether to play the bass part in the manual or the pedal. Choose from the following, or substitute works of a similar nature and level of difficulty to those on the lists:

From the voice-parts edition of *Master Choruses*, edited by Hugh Ross, John Smallman, and H. Alexander Matthews (Boston: Oliver Ditson, 1933):
- "In Dulci Jubilo," p. 46
- "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," p. 44
- "Holy Art Thou," p. 62
- "How Lovely Are the Messengers," p. 90
- "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate," p. 100
- "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," p. 123

From the Internet (free downloads – do not use any you may have played in Level 5):
- Morley, “Now is the Gentle Season” [http://www3.cpdl.org/wiki/images/0/07/Now_is_the_gentle_season_-_The_fields_abroad.pdf](http://www3.cpdl.org/wiki/images/0/07/Now_is_the_gentle_season_-_The_fields_abroad.pdf)

B. Accompaniments. Prepare and play one accompaniment for each of the three played assignments. Your choices must include an organ accompaniment for choir, an organ accompaniment for vocal/instrumental solo, and an organ adaptation of a piano score. The following resource might be helpful for both the accompaniments and the adaptation: Campbell, John. *Accompaniment and Adaptation Practicum* [https://www.agohq.org/accompaniment-adaptation-practicum/](https://www.agohq.org/accompaniment-adaptation-practicum/). New York: American Guild of Organists, n.d.

Choose from the following, or substitute works of a similar nature and level of difficulty to those on the lists:
1. Organ accompaniment for choir
(The following are composed for organ accompaniment):

From the Internet (free downloads):
- Stanford, “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” [pdf]
- Stainer, “Gloria in Excelsis” [pdf]
- Ireland, “Greater Love Hath No Man” [pdf]
- Faure, “Messe Basse” [pdf]
- Vierne, “Kyrie” [pdf]
- Bairstow, “Sing Ye To The Lord” [pdf]

From The Choirbook (Salt Lake City: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1980):
- arr. Christiansen, "Now Let Us Rejoice," p. 54
- arr. Manookin, "Sweet is the Work," p. 20
- Stephens, "Let the Mountains Shout for Joy," p. 50

(The following require organ adaptation of a piano score, from The Choirbook, described above):
- arr. Lyon, "Though Deepening Trials," p. 16
- Stephens, "Hosannah Anthem," p. 69
- Titcomb, "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love," p. 24

2. Organ accompaniments for vocal/instrumental solo
(The following are composed for organ accompaniment):
- Fauré, "Il est né le divin enfant" (very easy) [pdf]
- Franck, "Veni Creator" [pdf]

(The following require organ adaptation of a piano score):
- Burleigh, "Deep River" [pdf]
- Chadwick, "Faith" [pdf]
- Elgar, "Dry Those Fair, Those Crystal Eyes" [pdf]
- Schubert, "Ave Maria" (piano and voice, in B-flat) [pdf]
- Schubert, "Do Not Approach the Urn" (Vier Canzonen von Metastasio, no. 1) [pdf]
- Sullivan, "The Lost Chord" [pdf]

VII. SIGHT-READING

As part of Played Assignments 1 and 3 you will be presented with an example to sight-read that is comparable to those described below (moderate pedal, three to four parts between the two hands). You will have one minute to look through the music before playing.

In addition to those on the suggested list of simpler hymns not marked with an asterisk (*), practice sight-reading hymns of more moderate difficulty.

Also, practice sight-reading organ pieces of comparable difficulty to the following pieces:

Pieces composed or edited by Robert Cundick (free download at [pdf]):
- Guilmant, "Andante in F," p. 30
- Frescobaldi, "Preambule," p. 39
- Vitali, "Variations on a Ground Bass," (complete), p. 48
- Stanley, "Cornet Voluntary in D minor," p. 56
- Cundick, "Prelude on ‘Coventry Carol’," p. 62
- Manookin, Robert, *Hymn Preludes*, vols. 3, 6

Prepare to sight-read a hymn and/or piece provided by the evaluator during Played Assignments 1 and 3 with no more than one minute to scan the example.

For additional sight-reading resources, you can purchase *Service Playing Sight Reading Examples*, which includes eight sight-reading examples from past years’ Service Playing Tests.
VIII. TRANSPOSITION

Practice transposing the simpler hymns (see suggested list) into all keys up to and including a major second up and down. The use of the pedal is recommended but not required. Do both of the following for Played Assignments 1 and 3:

A. Prepared transposition. Transpose one hymn (your choice) as described above. Use a different hymn for each played assignment. No play-through in the original key or written transposition will be permitted.

B. Transposition at sight. Transpose at sight a simple four-part hymn or folk tune. The music will be provided, and one minute of preparation time away from the keyboard will be permitted.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

In addition to the method books cited above, the following resources might be helpful:

- The BYU Organ Study website organ.byu.edu

Diapason. (Write to Diapason, 380 Northwest Highway, Des Plaines, IL 60016.)

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

Educational resources for the new organists:

https://www.agohq.org/neworganist/

The six BYU Independent Study organ courses are designed to lead into the more demanding certificates (exams) of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). For information on the Service Playing or Colleague certificates of the American Guild of Organists, visit https://www.agohq.org/certification/

Many study resources are available through the AGO Store


GENERAL

- *100 Strategies for Successful AGO Certification* (CD)
- *Professional Certification Requirements*. See the most recent July issue of *The American Organist*, which includes the times, fees, repertoire, and precise format for each exam. Also, for the most current Chart of Requirements or Detailed Requirements, visit https://www.agohq.org/certification/certification-chart/
- Transposition and Modulation Workshop. (CD)

SERVICE PLAYING

Groom, Lester H. *Study Guide for the AGO Service Playing Test* (Contains many of the items listed above)


COLLEAGUE

Description https://www.agohq.org/ago-colleague-certification/


*Colleague Exams*. (Complete exams from previous years: