STATEMENT OF MISSION: The mission of the Department of Music is to enable students to understand the ways, means, methods and materials of music and musicians. The outcomes expected are: 1.) to develop the ability to read and write music to a high skill level 2.) to develop the ability to play and sing to a high skill level 3.) to prepare students for a career in music and/or graduate studies in music.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand ways, means and methods of music.
- Appreciate forms, types, styles and genres of music.
- Understand ways through which emotions are communicated through music.
- Appreciate value of musical expression in every culture.
- Develop ability to play and sing music to a high skill level.
- Prepare students for career in music and/or graduate studies in music.

ASSESSMENT TOOLS AND PROCESSES

- **4th Semester Barrier Exam** includes a hearing covering basic piano and vocal skills.
- **Junior Recital** includes a hearing for the music faculty and a public recital in both piano and voice.
- **Senior Recital** includes a hearing for the music faculty and a public recital in the student’s primary performance medium.
- **Piano Proficiency Examination** includes a comprehensive skills examination to prove basic proficiency in piano playing skills.

BENCHMARK

- A letter grade of **C** or better in Barrier Exam, and Junior and Senior recitals as well as all parts of the Piano Proficiency Examination.

RESULTS AND ANALYSES

- In the fall semester, one student successfully passed the junior recital.
- A student who was on departmental probation, did not fulfill the requirements of the probation.

ACTIONS

- The student who did not fulfill the terms of departmental probation was dismissed from the degree program at the end of the fall semester.