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FROM:

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Executive Summary - Collaborative Piano Sequence in the Master of Music

The current sequence in piano focuses on solo performance. This new sequence will provide pianists interested in accompanying, coaching and chamber music with a degree sequence that meets their specific needs. Students in this sequence will take 9 hours in music history, analysis and research, 17 hours of performance classes, and 9 hours of electives. All of these courses are already offered. No new courses, facilities, equipment or staff will be needed. Enrollment in the piano performance program may increase slightly, but the new sequence is designed primarily to offer performance students a choice between solo and collaborative focus.