

BEGINNER

Interested in learning instrument

1-2 years of lessons

Can not read music

Knows open chords

Knows a few scales

Can play bar chords fairly well

INTERMEDIATE

3-5 years of lessons

Can read music at a slow pace

Has played in an ensemble or band

Some strength in certain styles

Can play along with CDs

Can figure out some music by ear

ADVANCE

5+ years of lessons

Can sight read music

Can jam/improv in diverse situations