

Washington State University
School of Music
Piano Pedagogy Lab School
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Visit us at the PPLS website:

<http://ppls.wsu.edu>

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Welcome to the Piano Pedagogy Laboratory School! I am glad you are interested in taking piano lessons with our enthusiastic teachers, and we cannot wait to work with you.

Organization

The PPLS offers private lessons from September through April, arranged into a fall and a spring semester. Each semester comprises 15 weekly lessons and 1 final recital, where students will share the result of their hard work with their friends and family.

We ask students and their families to commit to at least one semester of piano lessons. Although we understand that sometimes other plans may occur, discontinuous lessons are counterproductive, and we know that students learn better when their lessons happen regularly. As our teachers commit to our schedule, we appreciate you doing so.

Fees for Private Lessons

WSU Piano Professors:	contact Dr. Menchetti or Dr. Roh
Graduate Teaching Assistants:	30 min. lessons = \$ 262.50 per semester 45 min. lessons = \$ 393.75 per semester
Undergraduate Student Teachers:	30 min. lessons = \$ 225.00 per semester 45 min. lessons = \$ 337.50 per semester

Payments

When students register at the beginning of the year, they are charged for the whole semester (15 lessons), but they can pay in three monthly installments. The installments do not reflect the exact number of lessons taken in a specific month, but a group of five lessons. The final recital does not count as a lesson, and it is free of charge!

The payments are due as it follows:

- 1st installment by August 30
- 2nd installment by September 27
- 3rd installment by November 1

All billing for lessons will be handled through the School of Music. Questions regarding billing should be addressed first to the School of Music (contact Kristine Tims 509-335-7122 or kristine.tims@wsu.edu), then to Fabio Menchetti (see contact info above).

We are currently accepting payments by check, payable to: **“WSU – School of Music”**

You can either

- 1) mail your check (and address the mailing to: **School of Music/WSU, Attn: Kristine Tims, PO BOX 645300, Pullman, WA 99164-5300**)
- or
- 2) put your check in the PPLS payment drop box, located in Kimbrough Music Building (second floor, next to 260)

Please note that one missed payment will result in automatic termination of the lessons. Music books must be purchased separately by the parent or student. Your teacher will have recommendations and instructions regarding purchasing printed music materials.

Make-Up Lessons & Vacations

There are no make-up lessons for either illness or school events. If you cannot be at a lesson because of illness or any other reason, please contact your teacher as soon as possible. If your teacher misses a lesson for any reason, it will be made up at a time convenient to both parties. If for any reason you cannot continue lessons, we require a four-week notification, or it will be the school's policy to charge the equivalent of next installment.

Recitals

It is our tradition to involve students in several public performances since they are a vital part of their development. Considering the unpredictability of the current situation, as of now we are planning a Christmas recital and a Spring recital. We will be monitoring how the situation evolves, and we will inform you in case more opportunities arise. We certainly want our students to perform as much as they can!

Practice Expectations

Students enrolled in 30-minute lessons are expected to practice a minimum of 20 minutes each day. 45-minute lessons require a minimum of 40 minutes practice each day. Students who wish to excel should allow for more practice time. Daily practice will help the student accomplish his/her musical goals, which will lead to greater self-esteem and the enhancement of learning abilities. If you have any questions concerning your student's practice habits, please contact your student's teacher, or refer to the PPLS Practice Tips webpage.

FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR

Lesson Weeks

1. Aug 30 – Sept. 4
2. Sept. 6 – Sept. 11
3. Sept. 13 – Sept. 18
4. Sept. 20 – Sept. 25
5. Sept. 27 – Oct. 2
6. Oct. 4 – Oct. 9
7. Oct. 11 – Oct. 16
8. Oct. 18 – Oct. 23
9. Oct. 25 – Oct. 30
10. Nov. 1 – Nov. 6
11. Nov. 8 – Nov. 13
12. Nov. 15 – Nov. 20
13. Nov. 29 – Dec. 4
14. Dec. 6 – Dec. 11
15. Dec. 13 – Dec. 18

Thanksgiving break = November 22 – November 27 (no lessons!)

Friday, December 17 OR Saturday, December 18 = Christmas Recital

SPRING SEMESTER CALENDAR

Lesson Weeks

1. Jan. 10 – Jan. 15
2. Jan. 17 – Jan. 22
3. Jan. 24 – Jan. 29
4. Jan. 31 – Feb. 5
5. Feb. 7 – Feb. 12
6. Feb. 14 – Feb. 19
7. Feb. 21 – Feb. 26
8. Feb. 28 – Mar. 5
9. Mar. 7 – Mar. 12
10. Mar. 21 – Mar. 26
11. Mar. 28 – Apr. 2
12. Apr. 4 – Apr. 9
13. Apr. 11 – Apr. 16
14. Apr. 18 – Apr. 23
15. Apr. 25 – Apr. 30

Spring break = March 14 – March 19 (no lessons!)

Sunday, May 1 = Spring Recital