

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: APPLIED MUSIC LESSONS

Do I need to have experience playing an instrument to take lessons?

You do not need any experience at all! The program welcomes aspiring musicians of all levels of experience.

What instruments can I take lessons in?

We offer lessons in a wide variety of instruments. They include: Bassoon, Brass, Cello, Clarinet, Composition, Fiddle, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Harp, Harpsichord, Oboe, Organ, Percussion, Piano, Saxophone, Sehtar (Persian), String Bass, Synthesizer, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba, Viola, Violin, Voice, Woodwinds.

How many lessons will I have?

All lessons are for 2 credits. The standard number of contact hours for two credits is 10 hours.

When does the class meet?

Once you are registered for the course, you will be assigned an instructor and they will contact you to arrange lesson times. You will get to pick a time to meet one-on-one that fits in both of your schedules.

How can I practice?

If you are registered for applied lessons you may use a practice room. We have 10 practice rooms available for you to use. Each room is equipped with a piano. We also have a drum room and a guitar room. You may sign up for a practice room in the Music and Music Education Office 520A HM. Please know that you will need to pay a key deposit fee of \$75.00. Regular classrooms are NOT available for practice without faculty permission.

What kind of music will I be studying?

On the online pre-registration survey, you will be able to specify what type of music you are interested in. The options on the survey include classical, jazz, folk, and other. If your genre of choice does not fall into the first three categories, please write it into the box provided so that we can match you with the best possible instructor. Keep in mind that although we will try to match you with an instructor familiar with the musical style you have requested, it may be difficult to find an instructor if the style is highly specialized. Once you have been assigned an instructor, you can discuss specific repertoire choices with them.

Will there be performance opportunities?

At the end of the semester you are encouraged to perform in a recital called "Musical Serenades." However, you are not required to do so. If you are arranging your own private recital please contact the Performance Coordinator in the Music Ed Office (musiced@tc.edu).

REGISTRATION

I am a TC student. How do I register for the course?

First, you must complete the online survey at: <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/arts-and-humanities/music-and-music-education/music-lessons/>

Please note this survey is only active during TC registration periods. If you attempt to use this link when the registration period is not open we will not receive your information. Once you have completed the survey, we will give you permission to register for the Applied Music Lessons course, and will email you with the appropriate CRN and course number. You can then register for it as you would any other TC course, using the portal and the add/drop classes tab.

I am a Columbia College student. How do I register for the course?

First, you must complete the online survey at <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/arts-and-humanities/music-and-music-education/music-lessons/>

Please note this survey is only active during TC registration periods. If you attempt to use this link when the registration period is not open we will not receive your information. Once you have completed the survey, visit your Dean's office in Hamilton Hall. Both you and the Dean must sign a form indicating that you accept responsibility for payment for the lessons. Once the form is complete, bring it to Kent hall to register for the course.

I am a student at the Law School. How do I register for the course?

First, you must complete the online survey at

<http://rio.tc.columbia.edu/surveys/musiced/index.cfm>. Please note this survey is only active during TC registration periods. If you attempt to use this link when the registration period is not open we will not receive your information. However, according to your school's policies, students in their first year of study are not allowed to take lessons through the TC Applied Lessons program.

I am a student in the School of International and Public Affairs/Graduate School of Arts and Sciences/Graduate School of Business. How do I register for the course? Unfortunately, you are not able to take lessons through the TC Applied Lessons program at this time. If you feel that these lessons would be essential to your program of study, or if you feel you have other extenuating circumstances that should allow you to participate, please discuss your situation with your Dean before contacting the TC Music Education Office.

I took lessons last semester. Do I have to fill out the pre-registration survey again?

Yes! You must fill out the pre-registration every time you wish to register for lessons.

What is the course number for this class?

We will grant you approval for the course and let you know via email which course number you should register for. However, you can also find the course

numbers on the TC Class Schedule at

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/academics/resources/courses/>

Section 001 of an instrument is designated for TC Music Majors taking lessons in their primary instrument of study, section 002 is for TC Music Majors taking lessons in an instrument that is not their primary one, and section 003 is for all other students taking lessons (i.e. all TC non-music majors and students from other schools).

What if I want to take the lessons for a different number of credits?

Applied music lessons are only available for two credits.

Do you offer lessons in the summer?

Yes, the Applied Music Lessons program operates year-round, including in both Summer A and Summer B sessions of Teachers College.

How will this course show up on my transcript?

This course will show up with the title that is listed on the TC course schedule at <http://www.tc.columbia.edu/academics/resources/courses/>

Are lessons offered Pass / Fail?

No, all lessons must be taken for a letter grade.

Instructors

Who will my instructor be?

The Music & Music Education program will assign you an instructor based on the instrument you would like to learn and the style of music you are interested in, as well as your experience level. Our instructors include a range of professional musicians and trained, highly experienced graduate students.

May I request an instructor?

If you know a specific instructor that teaches applied lessons in the Music & Music Education program at Teachers College, you can request him/her. While we do our best to honor all requests we cannot guarantee the assignment. We will make every effort to match you with an instructor that is well suited to your background and interests.

I am a TC Music Major and I have a specific instructor I want to work with outside of TC, but get credit for it through the Applied Lessons program. How do I do that?

Sometimes this is possible if you have extenuating circumstances. If you have a teacher you want to work with as part of the Applied Music program, please fill out form "Applied Lessons: Request for Outside Instructor" in the Music Education office (520A HM). In addition to the form you will need to attach a copy of your instructor's CV. All requests should be received at least 6 weeks

prior to the start of the semester you wish to take lessons, in order for instructors to complete necessary paperwork BEFORE you begin lessons.

The instructor's name that shows up on my class schedule is not the same as the one you assigned me?

We work with many different adjunct and graduate student instructors. Instructors listed on the class schedule frequently work with our students but the instructor that we assign you is the one that you will be working with.

INSTRUMENTS

Do you have instruments I can rent?

Yes, we do have many instruments that you can use on campus or rent. Please refer to the "Instrument and Equipment" section on the website for policies, forms and availability:

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/arts-and-humanities/music-and-music-education/>

Payment

How much do lessons cost?

Each semester of lessons costs the same as two credits of study at Teachers College, plus a \$110 additional fee.

How do I pay for lessons?

If you are a TC student you pay for lessons at the Bursar's office in Thompson Hall. If you are a non-TC student, however, you will need to discuss the payment policy with the Dean of your school.

I am an employee at TC as well as a student. May I use my tuition exemption points?

Unfortunately tuition exemption points may not be used for applied lessons.