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FACULTY GUIDE

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Who Helps Students

Advising: Students should see the academic administrator or their advisors for curricular matters, and the academic administrator for procedural issues, assistance with forms, or course authorizations.

Problems between a student and private teacher: Students are asked to talk to the instructor first, if possible. If the problem is not resolved, the student should talk to the area coordinator or the associate director for guidance. Faculty should speak with the student first, if possible, and then with the associate director.

Course-related problems: students are asked to talk to the instructor first, then the director. Faculty should speak to the student having problems, if possible) and then the student's advisor and director.

Personal problems: Counseling and Psychological Services (part of the Health and Wellness Center); Dean of Students; campus ministries offer services for faculty, staff and students.

Final Audits: the academic administrator monitors final audits for students.

Organizations & Activities Available for Students

ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) – Heather J. Buchanan, faculty advisor

MSU-ACDA, the student chapter of ACDA established in 2006-07, supports the MSU choral program by fostering and promoting the finest types of choral singing, and choral music education and engagement. Activities include leadership opportunities, professional development, and community outreach.

Audio Production Club (APC) - David Sanders, faculty advisor

From workshops centered on music production, to hands-on audio work in and out of studio environments; the Audio Production Club (APC) is an organization constructed with teaching, learning, creating, and delivering excellent audio wherever we go, as our core values. We collaborate with other campus organizations to provide our expertise in audio and to constantly gain insight through audio-oriented experiences. Whether you are a major in audio/music, or are interested in sound, new members are always welcome and encouraged to join!

Music Therapy Students' Organization (MTSO) - Brian Abrams, faculty advisor

Student-founded organization that promotes the needs and interests of music therapy students. The elected officers and the membership meet several times per semester to hear presentations about music therapy and related disciplines, and to participate in university and community social events and service projects.

New Jersey Association for Jazz Educators (NJAJE)

Student chapter of the organization providing resources for educational and professional development of jazz teachers.

National Association for Music Educators (NAFME) – Whitney Covalle, faculty advisor

NAFME is an organization of American music educators dedicated to advancing and preserving music education as part of the core curriculum of schools in the United States.

Women in Recording, Engineering and Sound (W.I.R.E.S.)

W.I.R.E.S is dedicated to promoting visibility and equal opportunities for women audio engineers, producers, and technicians by seeking events and professional opportunities through industry partners, organizations, and services. Meetings, events, and workshop topics cover music & audio recording, live sound, film sound, live broadcast audio, digital audio networking, etc., and promote the benefits of diversity, inclusion, and equity in media production and audio disciplines.

Facilities

Cali School - Chapin Hall (CH)—During the academic year, the building and practice rooms are open every day from 7 am until 11 pm. On Saturdays, the New Jersey Youth Symphony Orchestra (NJYSO) uses most of the classrooms and practice rooms until mid-afternoon, but then rooms are available until 11 pm. For safety reasons, students are only permitted in the building during regular hours. Students are only allowed in classrooms when faculty or staff members are present. Campus police officers have been instructed to enforce this policy.

Mailroom—Faculty and staff mailboxes in CH149 are accessible for mail, messages and materials.

Telephones—Emergency In-house phones and emergency contact information are located in the hallways on every floor. Cell phones should be turned off during classes and performances.

Faculty offices and studios: Faculty offices and studios are off limits to unsupervised students. Students found violating this rule may be required to forfeit practice and/or performance privileges.

Leshowitz Recital Hall—The hall is available for degree recitals and Cali School ensembles including times for dress rehearsal and performance. See Recital Policies for complete information. Students are not permitted in the Recital Hall unaccompanied. A faculty member must be present to gain access (accompanist, applied lesson teacher).

Practice rooms— If practice rooms are not in use for lessons, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis for current music majors. The room schedule can be found on the TV monitor outside the main office. Rooms are only to be used for active instrumental/vocal practice. Study time, homework, or anything else outside of active practicing is not permitted. Please seek other lounge/quiet areas on campus. If a room contains personal items but is unoccupied for 15 minutes, students may respectfully remove the items and claim the room for active practice.

Building Maintenance—All maintenance and facilities concerns can be addressed by reporting to the Facilities office through the online ticketing system, or by using any phone in the building to dial ext 5444.

Keys—Students may **not** be given keys to studios or other locked areas. Students gaining access through violation of this rule may be subject to university sanctions.

Food in Chapin Hall—Food is allowed only at the tables in the ground floor lounge area. ***No student recital receptions are allowed in the building. Students may make their own arrangements for receptions in other campus buildings or off campus.***

Pianos—Note any issues you find on the tuning and maintenance request sheet located in the main office.

Computers/Audio Software—The computer lab (CH-122) provides Macintosh computers with keyboards and professional audio software for use by students.

Copying—The school copier is for the use of faculty only. There are self-serve copiers in Sprague Library, University Hall (5th floor) and the Student Center.

Bulletin Boards—Notices may be posted on designated general bulletin boards only. Any notices taped to doors or in stairwells will be removed. Permission is required from the Student Affairs Office (Student Center 4th floor) to post flyers at other locations on campus.

Bookstore—The campus bookstore (973-655-5460; fax: 973-655-1291, bkstr.com) on the ground floor of the Student Center sells textbooks, stationery, school supplies, general books, etc.

University Closings—Closings information will be announced on the University webpage (montclair.edu), on the automated telephone line 973-655-7810, and via email and text. Always check before leaving for campus in cases of severe weather.

Lost and Found—Turn in found items to the Main Office. Look for a lost item in the “Lost & Found” cabinet in the mail room. The Cali School is not responsible for lost items.

Music Resources

History and Research

American Musicological Society - <http://www.ams-net.org/>
Cali School Music History Website - <https://calischoolmusichistory.com/>
College Music Society - <https://www.music.org/>
Indiana University - Cook Music Library - <https://libraries.indiana.edu/music>
International Music Score Library (IMSLP - public domain scores) - <http://imslp.org/>
Internet Movie Database - <https://www.imdb.com/>
Juilliard Manuscript Collection Web Site - <http://www.juilliardmanuscriptcollection.org/>
Library of Congress (SONIC - Text & Sound Catalogs) - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/record/Soniccont.html>

Organizations

AFM - American Federation of Musicians - <http://www.afm.org/>
AGMA - American Guild of Musical Artists - <https://www.musicalartists.org/>
AGO - American Guild of Organists - <https://www.agohq.org/>
AMTA - American Music Therapy Association - <https://www.musictherapy.org/>
ASTA - American String Teachers Association - <https://www.astastrings.org/>
CBMT - Certification Board for Music Therapists - <http://www.cbmt.org/>
HBS - Historic Brass Society - <https://www.historicbrass.org/>
NJAJE - New Jersey Association for Jazz Education - <http://www.njaje.org/>
ITEA - International Tuba Euphonium Association - <http://www.iteaonline.org/index.php>
League of American Orchestras - <https://americanorchestras.org/>
MPTF - Music Performance Trust Fund - http://www.musiccpf.org/mptf_apply.html
NAFME - National Association for Music Education - <https://nafme.org/>
NATS - National Association of Teachers of Singing - <https://www.nats.org/>
NJMEA - New Jersey Music Educators Association - <https://njmea.org/>
NJSO - New Jersey Symphony Orchestra - <https://www.njsymphony.org/>
Organ Historical Society - <https://organhistoricalsociety.org/?v=7516fd43adaa>

Specialist

Music Teacher Resources - <http://music-teacher-resources.com/>
Arts in Psychotherapy (music therapy) - <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/the-arts-in-psychotherapy/>
Music Theory (tutorial) - <https://www.musictheory.net/>
Music Theory Online - <http://www.mtosmt.org/>
Music Theory Resources - <http://www.music-theory.com/resources.html>
Music Therapy World - <http://www.wfmt.info/>

News

All Music Guide - <https://www.allmusic.com/>
Billboard - <https://www.billboard.com/>
Blues Revue - <http://www.bluesrevue.com/>
Blues Guitar Insider - <http://www.bluesguitarinsider.com/>
BBC - British Broadcasting Corporation (music) - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/music>
Harmony Central - <http://www.harmonycentral.com/>
Jazz Online - <http://www.jazz-on-line.com/lastacquired.htm>
Jazz Times - <https://jazztimes.com/>
Lyrics - <https://www.lyrics.com/>
Archive of Misheard Lyrics - <http://kissthisguy.com/>
Music.com - <http://www.music.com/>
NPR - National Public Radio Music - <https://www.npr.org/music>
Opera America - <https://www.operaamerica.org/>
Opera Magazine - <http://www.opera.co.uk/index.php>
Opera News - <https://www.operanews.com/>
Pollstar - <https://www.pollstar.com/>
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame - <https://www.rockhall.com/>

Academics

Academic Standards

You may be required to repeat any music courses in which you receive a D+, D, D-, or F; and some specific courses in the education program require a passing grade of B-. Courses may be repeated **once** after the first failed attempt. Subsequent repetitions are not automatically granted, and require both the support of the School of Music and the permission of the Provost. Passing grades must be earned at each level of a sequence of courses before you will be allowed to progress to the next level. We believe that understanding of course material at every level adds an essential dimension to music skills and development. Your advisor is there to help you if you are having trouble at any point in your studies.

Applied Music Requirements

- All students must study with members of the Cali School faculty.
- An applied music fee, in addition to tuition, must be paid for private instruction.
- Recital requirements: 1) Undergraduates concentrating in performance present two recitals, one before the end of junior year and the second in the senior year; 2) Undergraduates concentrating in music education present a recital in the senior year; and 3) Undergraduates concentrating in theory/composition present a recital of original compositions in the senior year. Students in the Master of Music and the Artist's Diploma programs present two degree recitals; those in the M.A. in Composition and the Performer's Certificate present one recital.
- Piano students are expected to accompany at a level of ability designated by their teachers.
- Vocal performance majors at all levels all have vocal coaching requirements in addition to applied study, as do vocal students in other areas who are presenting degree recitals.
- All students should perform during performance practicum, a co-requisite for applied study, at least once during each year of primary study.
- If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, applied music instruction may be denied to allow the student to focus on academic improvement. If a student's applied music grade drops below a B applied music instruction may be denied, and continuation in the major will be in jeopardy. These severe actions will be taken by the School of Music in consultation with the student's applied music instructor and area coordinator, and wherever possible, the student will receive a semester of warning before actions are taken.

Ensemble Requirements

- The ensemble policy is based on the principle that all students must perform in ensemble(s) each semester of attendance at MSU in order to assure the broadest possible experience in important ensemble repertoire and to assure that these ensembles have the needed instrumentation for successful performance. Although minimum requirements vary with each concentration, this principle is the overriding one. Students are expected to perform in their primary ensemble during each semester of attendance. Students may be assigned by the school director to an ensemble in accordance with the needs of the school, regardless of the completion of the student of the minimum requirements. Where admission to a chamber ensemble is by audition and a student fails to gain admission, additional performance in a large ensemble may, with the Director's consent, be substituted. Chamber ensembles must perform once a semester, either in recital or for a jury.
- If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, involvement in all ensembles may be denied so that the student can focus on academic improvement.
- Any changes in the ensemble policy will be posted in the Cali School.

Registration Requirements

- No student may remain in a class if he or she is not officially registered. Faculty are responsible for ensuring that there are no students in classes who are not on the Registrar's official class lists. It is not allowable for students to register for a course after the semester has been completed.
- All students must be registered in order to receive private lessons. Students may not receive double lessons in any one semester without registering for both sets of lessons (i.e. percussion/drum set or piano/harpsichord or clarinet/bass clarinet). All double sets of lessons must be approved by the Director, and are never automatic. Double sets of lessons require a cumulative 3.0 GPA, and a B or better in primary private study.

Graduation Competences

- **Technical mastery**
Students must demonstrate appropriate technical mastery in performance, composition or music technology.
- **Musical insight**
Students must perform and compose music with artistic excellence, musical understanding, and awareness.
- **Advanced knowledge**
Students must demonstrate an advanced knowledge and understanding of music.
- **Research, Analytic, and Writing skills**
Students must develop appropriate research, analytical, and writing skills to examine music effectively.
- **Cultural sensitivity**
Students must demonstrate appropriate cultural contexts in all their musical endeavors, including the degree recital, thesis, project, clinical experience, or music internship.
- **Curricular completion**
Students must demonstrate successful completion of all curricular requirements for their stated program

Additional graduation requirements for Undergraduate Music Majors at Montclair State University include:

- Earning a grade of 1.7 or higher in all core music courses.
- Earning a grade of 3.0 or higher in lessons.
- Successful completion of the prescribed curriculum, and at least 120 credits.

Students must also meet the GPA requirements for graduation, which are 2.0 for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students.

Undergraduate Advice and Support

- Planning course load: You will be assigned a primary advisor who is knowledgeable about your concentration and particular interests and will help you plan your curriculum.
- Consult your advisor AT LEAST once a semester preceding registration to ensure that you are fulfilling your requirements. Feel free to talk about decisions regarding your academic program. Advisers offer help in many ways, so take as much advantage of them as possible.
- Each student is responsible for his or her own registration.
- Help with registration: For advising and/or technical issues or authorizations, see the academic advisor, Letitia Stancu (CH121). She serves as the primary academic advisor for all undergraduates along with their faculty advisor.
- Responsibility for meeting requirements: You are responsible for meeting all the requirements of the university and school. Many people can help you do this. Use the Cali School curriculum guides and NEST, the academic advisor and your faculty mentor, to monitor your progress and also stay in contact with everyone to insure an on-time graduation.
- Cali School and University rules and regulations: The school sets rules for meeting music curriculum requirements. The university sets general rules and regulations for graduation that are summarized in MSU's online catalog. The rules in the university catalog in effect at the time you begin your degree will apply throughout your university career.
- If there are changes to a degree while you are attending MSU—for instance, if general education course requirements are altered, or if a degree designation changes—you may be able to opt in or out of the newer requirements. Your Degree Audit, available in DegreeWorks on NEST, will always have the most up-to-date record of your outstanding requirements.

- Transfer credits: There will be a delay in transferring music credits. See the academic administrator for information.
- How do I find out about applied music lesson requirements?
Applied music lessons are required for all undergraduates and many graduate students. Your advisor will discuss requirements with you. The lists of vocal and instrumental courses with section numbers are available in NEST.
- Changing degrees: To change from one concentration to another, meet with faculty advisors in your current concentration and in the one you wish to enter. These meetings will help you clarify your reasons for changing and assess your potential for entering a new concentration. Then, fulfill requirements for entering a new concentration, as follows:
 - Performance: Gain approval of performance faculty by completing a successful audition (often done at the end-of-term jury).
 - Music Education or Music Therapy: Gain approval of music education or music therapy faculty by completing a successful interview.
 - Theory-Composition: Gain approval of theory-comp faculty by completing a successful portfolio review and interview.
 - When you have been notified by the faculty that you have been accepted into the new concentration, complete a Change of Major form, which is available on the Registrar's website, collect the required signatures, and submit to the Office of the Registrar.
- Leave of absence: If you need to take a leave-of-absence please inform your advisor and the academic administrator so that you, the Cali School and the university can plan accordingly. A leave of absence may affect the courses that you will be required to take upon your return.

Graduate Advice and Support

- Planning course load: You will be assigned a faculty advisor (David Witten, Performance; Aaron Helgeson, Composition; Marissa Silverman, Music Education; Brian Abrams, Music Therapy) who will develop your work program and who is knowledgeable about your concentration and particular interests. At the beginning of each semester, your advisor will be posted online in your DegreeWorks audit on NEST.
- See your advisor AT LEAST once a semester preceding registration to ensure that you fulfill your requirements. Feel free to talk about decisions you need to make about your academic program. Advisors offer help in many ways, so take as much advantage of them as possible.
- Each student is responsible for his or her own registration.
- Registration: For curricular matters, see your advisor. For technical issues or authorizations, see Academic Administrator Gina Balestracci.
- It is your responsibility to meet all requirements of the university and school. Your advisor will help you do this. Your work program is your contract with the university that documents your degree requirements.
- Meeting requirements: The school sets rules for meeting music curriculum requirements. The university sets general rules and regulations for graduation that are summarized in the university catalog. The rules in effect in your first year's catalog will apply throughout your university career. If there are changes while you are attending MSU, you may be able to opt in or out of the newer requirements. Your Degree Audit, available in DegreeWorks on NEST, will always have the most up-to-date record of your outstanding requirements.
- Applied music requirements: Lessons are required for many graduate students. Requirements are listed on-line in NEST, which is where you can find the course number for your particular applied music section.
- Leave of absence - If you need to take a leave-of-absence please inform your adviser so that you, the Cali School and the university can plan accordingly. A leave of absence may affect the courses that you will be required when you return.

Private Lesson Registration

1. The Cali School director, with coordinators, determines full time faculty load requirements for private students and/or chamber ensembles for the academic year before any instructors are assigned private students and/or chamber ensembles. No part time or visiting specialists are assigned private students until the teaching loads of full-time faculty are filled.
2. Teaching assignments before registration go from coordinators to instructors and the school administrator.

3. **All students must be registered in order to receive private lessons.** Students may not receive double lessons in any one semester without registering for both sets of lessons (i.e. percussion/drum set or piano/harpsichord or clarinet/bass clarinet). All double sets of lessons must be approved by the director, and are never automatic. Double sets of lessons require a cumulative 3.00 GPA in the previous semester, and a B or better on private study.
4. No student may receive additional semesters of private lessons beyond curriculum requirements without director's permission.
5. Instructors will not be compensated for unregistered students. Any student not registered by the second week of semester should not be receiving private lessons under any circumstances.
6. Coordinators should inform the academic administrator of studio assignments as soon as information is available so that registrations can be updated. When a new student's instructor is not known, that student will be registered with the area coordinator in the case of percussion, guitar, voice, or keyboard; or with the senior member of the other instrumental faculties until the student's studio assignment has been made.
7. All coordinators in each area (Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, Percussion, Piano, Voice, Composition, and Guitar) must report final teaching assignments to the director and the school administrator by the end of the second week of each semester.
8. If an instructor of Applied Music has a registered student who is not present, the instructor must advise the school administrator by the third week of semester.

Note: If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, lessons may be curtailed until academic performance has improved.

Standards, Grades, Exams

Read the university retention standards in the university catalogs. They are part of the criteria used to determine whether you may remain in a program. The Cali School also monitors each student's progress.

For Undergraduate Students

- If you fail academic work you may be asked to suspend applied music lessons and/or ensembles until your academic work has improved.
- If your GPA falls below 3.0, you may not be allowed to join ensembles and/or take applied music lessons. You would be required to focus on academic improvement.
- Grades required to remain a music major: you may be required to repeat any music courses in which you receive a D+, D, D-, or F; and some specific courses in the education program require a passing grade of B-. Courses may be repeated **once** after the first failed attempt. Subsequent repetitions are not automatically granted, and require both the support of the School of Music and the permission of the Provost. Passing grades must be earned at each level of a sequence of courses before you are allowed to progress to the next level. Contact your advisor if you are having trouble at any point in your studies.
- Sophomore comprehensive exam and assessment: At the end of the sophomore year, you must demonstrate comprehensive musicianship in performing primary, functional keyboard skills, theoretical and practical skills, secondary vocal skills and others related to your concentration. You must perform adequately in these areas in order to continue as a music major.
- Requirements for final admission to undergraduate programs:
 - *Theory-Composition*— Final admission in junior year; in addition to full audition requirements, candidates must submit a portfolio of compositions and/or analytical sketches before completion of sophomore year.
 - *Music Therapy*— Final admission in junior year; in addition to full audition requirements, all credentials (including reports of clinical experience) will be evaluated at the end of sophomore year.
 - *Performance*— Provisional acceptance is determined by an applied music jury at the end of the freshman year unless a postponement to the middle of the sophomore year is requested by the major teacher. Full admission is delayed until after a sophomore recital and/or demonstration of a solid grasp of technical aspects of the performing medium, and genuine musicality and sensitivity.
 - *Music Education*— Final admission is granted only after an interview and review of credentials toward the end of the sophomore year.

For Graduate Students

When a degree student's GPA falls below 3.00, the student will be placed on academic probation. The degree student must raise his/her GPA to at least a 3.0 within the next six credits of course work taken within the next two semesters from the date of notification of probation. This may include summer session. Failure to achieve a GPA of 3.00 within the prescribed period of time will lead to final review, which may result in removal of matriculated status and dismissal.

A degree student who receives three "C" (i.e., "C+", "C", or "C-") or lower level grades (i.e., "F") will be dismissed from the program. The Graduate School will make dismissal actions on a case-by-case basis in consultation with a degree student's Graduate Program Coordinator.

[\(https://www.montclair.edu/graduate/current-students/academic-policies-procedures-guidelines/\)](https://www.montclair.edu/graduate/current-students/academic-policies-procedures-guidelines/)

Juries

Every student registered for lessons is required to take a jury examination at the end of the semester. The jury grade is for the performance of what has been accomplished in the studio during the semester, and contributes to the student's final grade. Juries are required for all students, even those who have performed a recital; however, exceptions to this may be made at the discretion of the instructor and area coordinator and will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The length of and requirements for juries vary by area. The specific works, etudes, and scales performed will be decided with the instructor (scales and sight-reading may be decided at the jury). Examples of the music for juries should be discussed by the student and instructor, and with repertory examples for each level in the course syllabus.

Students work with faculty to choose particular technical studies, scales and repertoire leading to the highest possible level of performance. It is expected that music performed at the jury will be that which was studied during the course of the semester in the studio. Works that were performed at prior juries or recitals should not be repeated unless it is at the suggestion of the instructor.

Sign-up sheets are usually posted toward the end of each semester, well before classes end.

The maximum number of semesters of study for each particular major is as follows:

Music Therapy (MT) Majors—6 semesters

Music Education (ME) Majors—7 semesters

Theory/Composition (TC) Majors—4 semesters

Performance (PERF) Majors—8 semesters

Recital Policy

(I. Rules and Regulations; II. Recital Performance Spaces; III. Scheduling)

I. Rules and Regulations

- Academic recital registration and scheduling is available for students enrolled in the following degree programs: **BMus, MA, MM, Performer's Certificate, and Artist Diploma.**
- Recitals must not exceed 90 minutes in length, inclusive of one 10-minute intermission.
- You will have 30 minutes for a sound check starting one hour before your recital. The house will be opened 30 minutes prior to your scheduled recital start time.
- Recitals must always start on time unless there is a need for production to hold. No exceptions.
- No encores permitted. House lights will come up at the conclusion of your final piece.
- No food, drink, or receptions are permitted in Chapin Hall.
- No cancellations are permitted unless there is written emergency approval by the Cali School Director Shea Scruggs.
 - Recitals canceled without approval will only be rescheduled in G55, 201, or Westminster 110.
- No recitals are permitted to be scheduled during the following conflicts:
 - The Crawford Memorial Concert in December
 - Against area/instrument-related large ensemble events (e.g., no voice recitals during a University Singers/MSU Chorale concert)
- All recital production requirements are subject to the Production Manager's approval.
- Recital grades and registration:
 - In order to schedule your recital, you must be registered for the relevant recital course (**MUPR 295, 395, 485, 495, or 695**).
 - Recital grades are given by your private instructor and submitted by the instructor of record Taylor Goodson. If you have a problem with your recital grade, be sure to discuss it with your private instructor or your academic advisor.
 - Incomplete recitals:
 - If you registered for a recital but were unable to complete it, you will receive a grade of "IN" (incomplete). Incomplete recitals must be completed by February 15 for Fall recitals or June 30 for Spring recitals. The "IN" grade will be updated upon the conclusion of the recital. Incomplete recitals that are not completed by the February 15/June 30 deadline will receive a letter grade of "F" automatically. Recitals that are completed beyond the February 15/June 30 deadline will only be scheduled in G55/201/Westminster 110. The "F" grade will be updated upon the conclusion of the recital.

II. Recital Performance Spaces

Academic recitals are held in **Chapin Hall** on the Montclair Campus (**Leshowitz Recital Hall**, room **G55**, and room **201**) and in **Westminster Hall** (room **110**) on the Bloomfield Campus. Details about each of these spaces can be found below.

- **Leshowitz Recital Hall**

- Events in the Recital Hall are staffed by Production Office personnel.
- Archival audio recording happens for all Leshowitz Recital Hall events. Contact Andy Dickerson for more information.
- Events in Leshowitz Recital Hall may be streamed and video recorded by the Cali School. Due to the nature of the reliance on technology and university networking infrastructure, video recording and streaming is not guaranteed, but every effort will be made to reliably capture, stream, and archive performances that are staffed in Leshowitz Recital Hall.
- There is no green room provided for events in the Recital Hall. Belongings of performer(s) can remain backstage but must be removed at the conclusion of the performance. The Cali School is not responsible for any items left behind after the conclusion of the performance.
- Receptions and food/beverage are not permitted in any of the Montclair Campus locations (Leshowitz, G55, or 201).

- **G55 and 201**

- Events in G55 and 201 are not staffed by the Production Office.
- Room setup and restore is the responsibility of the performer for both G55 and 201.
- Audio/video recording arrangements for G55 and 201 are the responsibility of the performer(s).
- There is no green room provided for events in G55 or 201.
- Receptions and food/beverage are not permitted in any of the Montclair Campus locations (Leshowitz, G55, or 201).

- **Westminster 110**

- Events in Westminster 110 are not staffed by the Production Office.
- Room setup and restore is the responsibility of the performer for Westminster 110.
- Audio/video recording arrangements for Westminster 110 are the responsibility of the performer(s).
- All recitals in Westminster 110 include an adjacent green room, Westminster 103, where performers can leave their belongings at their own risk.
- All chairs and stands are stored in the closet labeled 113 within room 110. Any chairs and stands used must be returned to this closet at the conclusion of your event.

III. Scheduling

In order to book the Recital Hall, your recital must be scheduled at least one month in advance while scheduling for G55, 201, or Westminster 110 can occur anytime before the performance date. Recital scheduling for the Fall semester opens on **August 1st**, about one month before the semester begins. Recital scheduling for the Spring semester opens on **December 1**, about six weeks before the semester begins. Recital Hall scheduling for the Fall semester closes on **November 15** while Spring semester recital scheduling closes on **April 15**. All recitals scheduled after November 15/April 15 will be scheduled for G55, 201, or Westminster 110 only as scheduling for the Leshowitz Recital Hall is fully closed on those dates.

In order to successfully schedule and finalize your recital date, you must complete the following:

- Meet with your advisor to determine how many recitals (if any) are required to complete your degree.
- Register for your recital. You must be registered for your recital before proceeding with recital scheduling.
- Find three dates* that you, your accompanist, and your instructor have available for your recital.
- Meet with Taylor Goodson in person to schedule your recital. Office hours are posted on his office door, Chapin 129. If you are not at school during the available hours, send an email to goodsont@montclair.edu to schedule an alternative time.
- Once a date has been confirmed with Taylor, you will receive a blue recital scheduling form. This will begin a two-week countdown to your deadline. **If this scheduling process is not completed within two-weeks of receiving your blue form, your date will be erased from the calendar and released for other use.**
- Your private instructor must sign the top section of the recital form.
- Bring your signed form to our Production Manager, Andy Dickerson, to discuss your anticipated program and any production needs. If approved, Andy will receive your blue form and reconfirm your recital with you, your instructor, accompanist, the area coordinator, and the scheduling office via email. Your recital is now scheduled and fully confirmed.
- If at any time during this process you foresee any problems meeting your deadline, contact Andy and Taylor via email. If you do not meet your deadline and have not communicated beforehand, you will forfeit the use of the Recital Hall and your date will be released. All recital communications must happen via official Montclair State University email accounts only.
- One scheduled two-hour dress rehearsal is permitted per recital.** Dress rehearsal time is not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of your performance space. Speak to Taylor to schedule your dress rehearsal after your recital is confirmed.

***Available recital times:**

- **Tuesday - Friday:** 5 & 8pm; **Saturdays:** 2, 5 & 8pm; **Sundays:** 11am, 2pm, 5pm, & 8pm
- No recitals will be scheduled on Mondays or during University holiday weekends.

****Additional rehearsals for recitals that rely on large ensembles:**

- Two additional two-hour rehearsal times may be booked for the following academic recitals that rely on large ensembles: Jazz, Composition, and Graduate Conducting. These rehearsals may only be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays in the following spaces: G01, G02, G33, 230, 330, and 430. Rehearsal time is not guaranteed and is subject to room availability. The Scheduling Office will do everything possible to ensure scheduled rehearsals can occur as planned, but the need for flexibility is necessary for extreme circumstances. As much notice as possible will be given if a rehearsal needs to be moved or rescheduled.

Student Organization Scheduling

Please adhere to the following guidelines for booking Student Organization events in the Cali School of Music.

- All Student Organizations must appoint one point of contact for all scheduling needs and concerns. The Scheduling Office will work with this contact for the booking of events.
- Scheduling for Student Organizations' needs will begin on **August 1st** for Fall events and **December 1st** for Spring events.
- All Student Organization scheduling must be completed by either **November 15** or **April 15** of the current semester. No additional scheduling can take place in the semester's final month to ensure that there is appropriate time for booking end-of-semester events (*dress rehearsals, juries, exams, etc.*).
- The Scheduling Office will do everything possible to ensure scheduled Student Organization meetings can occur as planned, but the need for flexibility is necessary for extreme circumstances. As much notice as possible will be given if a Student Organization meeting/event needs to be moved or rescheduled.
- All informal Student Organization events are to be held outside of Chapin Hall. Organization recitals and relevant musical activities are welcome to be held in our facility, but social events and similar activities should be held elsewhere on campus, such as the Student Center, Recreation Center, or in the many Residence Life locations available for student use.
- Student Organizations are not permitted to use the Leshowitz Recital Hall unless written approval is provided by the Cali School Director Shea Scruggs.
- For more information, please visit the Center for Student Involvement website at:
<https://www.montclair.edu/center-for-student-involvement/>

Chapin Hall Room Rental Fees

For MSU Students and Personnel

Within Chapin Hall, our three large performance spaces (**G55, 201, and the Leshowitz Recital Hall**) are available for rental throughout the year. The following rates apply for use of the space:

Weekday Day (Monday - Friday, 9am - 4pm)

\$100 for the first hour, \$50 for each additional hour

Weekday Evening (Monday - Friday, 4pm - 10pm)

\$200 for the first hour, \$50 for each additional hour

Weekend (Saturday & Sunday, 9am-10pm)

\$250 for the first hour, \$50 for each additional hour

Rental rates are for **non-academic events only** (audio and video recordings, rehearsals, non-degree performances, etc.) - these fees do not apply to degree recitals, dress rehearsals, or other for-credit endeavors.

A **non-refundable \$25 deposit** is required in order for your reservation to be placed on the Cali School calendar. **No reservations will be made without this deposit.** Please visit the **Scheduling Office** in order to book any and all dates.

Portions of an hour are charged as a whole. Events that begin prior to 4:00pm and end after 4:00pm are charged at the evening rate. Other rooms, rates, and availability are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Please discuss any and all production requirements and anticipated schedule with the **Production Office** after your date and time has been secured.

Accompanist Services

1. Professional staff accompanists and piano students are available. At the beginning of each semester discuss your specific needs with your studio professor. Your studio professor will take care of making arrangements. The university pays for a limited number of hours, as follows:

- Juries: String players will get up to three hours of rehearsals before juries. Woodwind and Brass up to one hour. Voice students get none, due to having more accompanist hours during regular lessons.
- Wednesday and other masterclasses: All instruments get up to one hour of rehearsal time.
- Degree recital: Eight hours total. Two hours are reserved for the recital itself. Six hours of rehearsals total including dress rehearsal. For all extra rehearsals, students must pay directly to the pianist.

2. Accompanists will NOT have all the necessary music. Strings/Woodwind/Brass students must provide music eight weeks prior to the juries or degree recitals.

3. A \$200 recital fee is added to your university tuition bill for the semester in which you have your recital. This fee includes payment to the accompanist for six hours of rehearsal plus two hours for the actual performance. You may adjust these hours as long as the total does not exceed eight (for example, 5+3).

Each staff accompanist is paid by the university for rehearsing with students and playing for studio voice lessons, juries, masterclasses and degree recitals. You should not pay any additional fees unless you use rehearsal time beyond the allotted number of hours. Students must pay accompanists privately for any time beyond the maximum number of rehearsal hours shown above.

5. You may make private arrangements with your accompanist for extracurricular events such as competitions or off-campus recitals and you must pay the accompanist to work with you. The university will not pay for accompanists for these events or for rehearsals for such events. Be professional and make all financial arrangements clear from the start. It is always a good idea to make a simple written contract with your accompanist stating hourly rate and number of hours planned. Make no assumptions when money is involved.

6. Guidelines for cancellations and lateness: If a student needs to cancel an appointment with the pianist, or if the pianist must cancel an appointment with the student, he or she must give at least twenty-four hours notice. If one of you is late, he or she cannot expect the other to wait beyond 12 minutes.

Student Recital Program Guidelines

All recital programs must be created using [ProBuilder](#), the Cali School's official online program tool. In line with the University's sustainability goals, we no longer print physical programs. Instead, attendees will access programs via QR codes at the event.

QR Code Deadline:

Programs must be **completed and submitted at least 7 days before your recital** so they can be linked to the QR code posted at your venue (Leshowitz Hall, 201, G55, or Westminster 110).

Printed Programs:

Printed copies will **not** be provided. If you want printed programs for your audience, **you must print and bring them yourself**. Please also **inform your recital worker** that programs (if printed) should be **handed out at the door**.

IMPORTANT: Once your program has been submitted in ProBuilder, **do not create a duplicate**.

If you need to make changes, email Heather Kern at kernh@montclair.edu to request that your original program be reopened.

How to Build Your Program:

- Log in at [ProBuilder](#) using your full Montclair email and password: **chromatic**
- Draft your program and send to your studio professor for approval
- Once approved, click **"Send to Print"** (this will connect it to the QR code — no actual printing will occur)

Guidelines:

- **Students:** No bios, dedications, or acknowledgments
- **Vocalists:** May include translations and program notes
- **Instrumentalists:** Include repertoire, soloist, and accompanist info

Need Help? Contact Heather Kern at kernh@montclair.edu or 973-655-7263

Use of School-Owned Musical Instruments

Musical instruments are supplied by the School of Music to its faculty, enrolled music majors and minors, and enrolled students participating in school activities. They are available for educational purposes only to those enrolled in classes, ensembles, or lessons. There is a fee assessed when instruments are used for techniques classes. This fee is waived by faculty request when a student needs an instrument to perform in an ensemble. A written request by the faculty member must be submitted before an instrument will be given to the student. Contact the Production Manager (Phil Clifford) with any questions about the use, fees, tuning, or maintenance of instruments. The following list of terms and conditions is part of a contract students must sign before using an instrument:

Conditions of use

The terms and conditions under which instruments are loaned are listed below. Upon signing for an instrument, the party is responsible for its normal care and security while in his or her possession.

- Each semester a school instrument is used (summer is counted as a semester) there is a fee. This fee may be waived only by the Cali School director.
- The instrument and case will be returned in the same condition as received with allowances for reasonable wear.
- The party is to assume responsibility for any damage beyond reasonable wear that may occur while the instrument is in his or her possession, on or off campus.
- If, due to negligence, an instrument is stolen, the party is responsible for its replacement. Examples of obvious negligence are: a) leaving lockers unlocked or b) leaving instruments unattended in practice rooms.
- If the borrower withdraws from the class or activity for which the instrument was loaned, the instrument must be returned immediately.
- In the event that the borrower withdraws from or otherwise leaves the university, the instrument must be returned immediately. If the instrument is not returned as specified, the party assumes all charges and expenses, including legal fees, which may be incurred by Montclair State University, to secure the return of the instrument. Additionally, a hold will be placed on the student's university file, preventing future registration or release of transcripts, until the matter has been settled.
- The deadline for final check-in for all instruments is 48 hours after the relevant applied jury examination. Student grades will be held until all matters are cleared after that date.
- Any exceptions to these policies must be approved by the director.

School Instrument Rental Process

A student must be registered for a course in which the instrument is needed (applied lessons, large ensembles, methods course, etc). Students requesting an instrument must first consult with their instructor to determine if they require use of a school instrument. The instructor will then request use of a school instrument on the student's behalf. The request should be forwarded to the Production Manager and relevant area coordinator (i.e. tenor saxophone requests should include the Woodwind Coordinator, cornet requests should include the Brass Coordinator, etc). The Production Manager and area coordinator in consultation with the large ensemble directors (if applicable) will allow or disallow the use of the instrument. If approved, the student will then meet with the Production Manager to fill out instrument rental paperwork, deliver any applicable rental fees, and pick up the instrument.

Percussion equipment use

Percussion equipment must be moved from storage (Chapin 202 and several other rooms) for most rehearsals and performances. Follow the guidelines below to ensure required equipment is in place when needed:

- For regularly scheduled rehearsals and performances: Put away all equipment immediately after rehearsals or performances, whether these take place in McEachern or elsewhere.
- Other uses of equipment: Permission from a percussion instructor is required for individual practice or performance. If borrowed equipment is to leave Chapin Hall, the borrower is responsible for obtaining written permission from a percussion instructor and submitting it to the Percussion Coordinator. This must be done no later than 24 hours before the equipment is to leave the building.

Frequently Asked Questions

Academic Advice and Support

Who will help me plan my course load?

- You will be assigned an advisor who is knowledgeable about your concentration and particular interests. Your advisor will be listed in Degree Works.

How often should I see my advisor?

- You should consult with your advisor AT LEAST once a semester preceding registration to ensure that you fulfill your requirements. Feel free to talk about decisions regarding your academic program. Advisors offer help in many ways, so take as much advantage of them as possible.

Where can I get help with registration?

- For curricular matters, see your advisor. For technical issues or authorizations, see Administrator Gina Balestracci.

Who is responsible for overseeing my progress in the music program?

- It is your responsibility to meet all requirements of the university and school. Your advisor will help you do this. Use the Cali School curriculum guides and Degree Works to monitor your progress and also meet with your advisor to ensure on-time graduation.

How do the school of music rules and regulations fit in with university requirements?

- The school sets rules for meeting music curriculum requirements. The university sets general rules and regulations for graduation that are summarized in MSU's undergraduate catalog online. The rules in the university catalog in effect during your freshman year will apply to you throughout your university career. If there are changes while you are attending MSU—for instance, if general education course requirements are altered—such changes may not apply to you.

How do I find out about applied music lesson requirements?

- Applied music lessons are required for all undergraduates. Undergraduates register for MUS1499; graduates for MUS1599.

How can I apply for a double major in music?

- No. See your advisor to discuss other options.

May I change my degree program within the school of music?

Yes. To change from one concentration to another:

1. **Meet with faculty advisors** in your current concentration and in the one you wish to enter. These meetings will help you clarify your reasons for changing and assess your potential for entering a new concentration.
2. **Fulfill requirements for entering a new concentration:**
 - **Performance** — Gain approval of performance faculty by completing a successful audition.
 - **Music Education or Music Therapy** — Gain approval of music education or music therapy faculty by completing a successful interview.
 - **Theory/Composition** — Gain approval of theory/composition faculty by completing a successful portfolio review and interview.

- **Performance with Music Theater emphasis** — Gain approval of music, theater and dance faculty by completing a successful audition.
- 3. **When you have been notified by the faculty that you have been accepted into the new concentration**, your concentration will be changed.

How can I change my major to something other than music?

You should discuss the change with your music advisor and with advisors in your new major to assure a smooth transition. You may need to take up courses in your new major, but music courses will in most cases apply toward your graduation requirements. You may also have earned enough credits in music to declare a music minor.

May I take a leave of absence from school?

Yes. If you need to take a leave of absence please inform your advisor so that you, the Cali School and the university can plan accordingly. You will be required to submit a Leave-of-Absence form. A leave of absence may affect the courses that you will be required to take upon your return.

Standards, Examinations, Final Admission to Programs

How will I know if I am meeting the standards of the Cali School?

There are university guidelines for retention in the university catalog. You should read these guidelines since they are part of the criteria used to determine whether you may remain in a program of study. In addition to these, the school monitors each major's progress. Undergraduates who fail academic work may be asked to suspend applied music lessons and/or ensembles until their academic work has improved.

What grades must I maintain to remain a music major?

Students may be required to repeat any music courses in which they receive a D+, D, D-, or F. Courses may be repeated a maximum of two times after the first failed attempt. Passing grades must be earned at each level of a sequence of courses before a student is allowed to progress to the next level. We believe that understanding of course material at every level adds an essential dimension to your musical skills and development. Your advisor is there to help you if you are having trouble at any point in your studies.

Comprehensive Examination/Assessment

At the end of the sophomore year, all students must demonstrate comprehensive musicianship in the performing primary, functional keyboard skills, theoretical and practical skills, secondary vocal skills and other elements germane to the student's concentration. Continuation as a music major is dependent upon adequate performance in these areas.

Graduate students are required to complete a culminating activity.

Composition

Final admission in junior year; in addition to fulfillment requirements, all candidates must submit a portfolio of compositions and undergo an oral examination at the end of sophomore year.

Music Therapy

Final admission in junior year; in addition to fulfillment requirements, all candidates must submit a portfolio of clinical experience and will be evaluated at the end of sophomore year.

Performance

Provisional acceptance is determined by an applied music jury at the end of the freshman year unless a postponement to the middle of the sophomore year is requested by the major teacher. Full admission is delayed until after a sophomore recital and/or demonstration of a solid grasp of technical aspects of the performing medium, and genuine musicality and sensitivity.

Music Education

Final admission is granted only after an interview and review of credentials toward the end of the sophomore year.

Applied Music Requirements

All music students must study with members of the Montclair State faculty. An applied music fee, in addition to tuition, must be paid for private instruction. Recital requirements: Undergraduates concentrating in performance present two recitals, one before the end of junior year and the second in the senior year; two year; and 3) Students concentrating in theory/composition present a recital of original compositions in the senior year. Piano students are expected to accompany at a level of ability designated by their teachers and to participate actively in the musical life of MSU and the community. All students should perform during performance practicum at least once during each year of primary study. Applied music instruction beyond the minimum requirements may be available when schedules and other considerations allow.

Recitals for the graduate programs are outlined in the program descriptions.

Ensemble Requirements

The ensemble policy is based on the principle that all students must perform in ensemble(s) every semester of their attendance at Montclair State in order to assure the broadest possible experience in important ensemble repertoire and to assure that these ensembles have the needed instrumentation for successful performance. Although minimum requirements vary with each concentration, this principle is the overriding one. Students are expected to perform in their primary ensemble during each semester of attendance. Students may be assigned by the school director to an ensemble in accordance with the needs of the school, regardless of the completion by the student of the minimum requirements. Where admission to a chamber ensemble is by audition and a student fails to gain admission, additional performance in a large ensemble may, with the director's consent, be substituted. Chamber ensembles must perform once a semester, either on recital or for a jury.

If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, involvement in all ensembles may be denied so that the student can focus on academic improvement.

Any changes in the ensemble policy will be posted in the Cali School.

Grading

Repeating Courses Undergraduates may only repeat courses in which they have received below a C-.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades will be granted by faculty members in cases where a student has completed most of the work for a course and extraordinary circumstances preclude her/him from finishing the required work by the end of a semester or summer session. Incomplete grades will be posted for a period of approximately six weeks after the submission of final grades: February 15 for a Fall course, June 30 for a Spring course, and October 15 for a Summer course. If work is not completed and a final grade posted within that time, the grade will revert to an F. The faculty member and student are required to submit a written contract regarding course completion.

A grade may never be changed from a letter grade to an Incomplete.

Grade Changes

A change of grade request must be initiated by faculty, approved by the school director, College of the Arts dean, and forwarded to the Office of the Registrar no later than one year after the term or coursework was due to be finished. In the event that a faculty member has left the employment of the University, the Director should determine his/her willingness to consider "IN" grade completions as well as grade changes. The school should determine how the individual would be contacted for this purpose. In the event that the former faculty member is not available for completion of these tasks, the school will choose some continuing faculty person who can act in his/her behalf. Note that no changes will be made to the academic record beyond 30 days of the student's graduation date.

Important Notes

A grade may never be changed from a letter grade to an Incomplete.

No student may remain in a class if he or she is not officially registered. Faculty are responsible for insuring that there are no students in classes who are not on the Registrar's official class lists. It is not allowable for students to 'post' register for a course.

Performing at Montclair State University

The Cali School sponsors over 300 concerts each year by the band, chamber ensembles, chamber singers, choral, orchestra, opera workshop, wind ensemble, student organizations, faculty, and undergraduate and graduate students. Students will be involved in many different kinds of performances over the course of their studies. This section provides an overview of student ensembles and of the process for planning individual recitals.

Policies and Procedures for Chamber Ensemble Registration

1. Large ensembles are defined as Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Orchestra and Chorale only.
2. All ensembles must have at least three students to qualify as a chamber ensemble. Duos may be approved by the Cali School director only if they satisfy curricular requirements.
3. Any student registered for more than four ensembles must show a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and a B or better in applied instrument study.
4. All students must register for any ensemble in which they participate. Any exceptions must be approved by the director before participation.
5. Faculty coaching ensembles which do not have all students registered will not be compensated for coaching.
6. With the exception of Guitar Ensemble, Bass Ensemble (Practicum) and Percussion Ensemble, the registration committee recommends students perform in mixed rather than homogeneous chamber ensembles. The existence of studio or homogeneous ensembles needs the approval of the director or faculty.
7. No faculty may form any studio, homogeneous, or chamber ensembles and receive credit and payment for them without PRIOR approval of the director and coordinators.

Participating in Ensembles

Participation Undergraduates taking private instrumental or vocal lessons with MSU faculty members must perform with at least one major school ensemble every semester they are registered as full-time students or have registered for applied lessons. Instrumentalists may audition for band, wind ensemble and/or orchestra. Vocalists, keyboardists and guitarists will participate in chorale as a major ensemble. The director may make ensemble assignments as the school's needs dictate.

Credit Undergraduates are granted 0.5 credits per ensemble, regardless of the amount of rehearsal time involved. Students may elect to continue performing in an ensemble after their requirements are completed. Students may be requested, at the discretion of the school director, to continue performing in an ensemble. Graduate students earn one credit per ensembles.

Grades Grades may be lowered for any student who is late or leaves before the rehearsal or performance is over. Failure to appear for a scheduled performance may affect a student's rights and privileges as a music major.

Exceptions Exceptions to this policy will be at the discretion of the major ensemble directors, the student's advisor, and the Cali School director. Detailed curricular ensemble assignments are listed in the curriculum guides (see Appendix).

Chamber Ensembles In order to place students with similar musical interests and abilities in appropriate chamber ensembles, the ensemble directors hold auditions at the beginning of each semester. You may need to audition for the dual auditions of the chamber and smaller ensembles. All graduate chamber ensembles and ensembles in which membership is determined by audition require Cali School authorization before registration.

Policies and Procedures for Private Lesson Registration

1. The Cali School director, with coordinators, determines full time faculty load requirements for private students and/or chamber ensembles for the academic year before any instructors are assigned private students and/or chamber ensembles. Noadjunct faculty are assigned private students until full time loads are filled.
2. Teaching assignments before registration go from coordinators to instructors and the school administrator.
3. All students must be registered in order to receive private lessons. Students may not receive double lessons in any one semester without registering for both sets of lessons (i.e. percussion/drum set or piano/harpsichord or clarinet/bass clarinet). All double sets of lessons must be approved by the director, and are never automatic. Double sets of lessons require a cumulative 3.00 GPA in previous semester, and a B or better on private study.
4. No student may receive additional semesters of private lessons beyond curriculum requirements without director's permission.
5. Instructors will not be compensated for unregistered students. Any student not registered by the second week of semester should not be receiving private lessons under any circumstances.
6. All coordinators in each area (Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, Percussion, Piano, Voice, Composition, and Guitar) must report final teaching assignments to the director and the school administrator by the end of the second week of each semester.
7. If an instructor of Applied Music has a registered student who is not present, instructor must advise the school administrator by the third week of semester.

Note: If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, lessons may be curtailed until academic performance has improved.

Faculty Guide

Resources

- [Campus Map](#)
- [Parking](#)
- [Shuttle Bus Schedule](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Canvas](#)
- [Human Resources](#) (links to faculty, student and employee handbooks, etc.)
- [American Federation of Teachers \(AFT Local 1904\)](#) handles issues related to full-time, part-time, adjunct faculty/librarian/professional staff employment and contracts.
- [MSU Employee Services](#)
- [Workday](#) Check to be sure you are getting correct payment and for other personal financial information.
- [Office of Information Technology \(OIT\)](#)
- [MSU Email Net ID](#)
- [MSU ID Card](#)
- [Sprague Library Homepage](#)
- [Music Databases \(Sprague Library\)](#)
- [University Catalog](#)
- [NEST](#)
- [Exam Schedules](#)

Use of Facilities

Cali School - Chapin Hall (CH): During the academic year, the building and practice rooms are open every day from 7 am until 11 pm. On Saturdays, the Extension Division uses most of the classrooms and practice rooms until mid-afternoon, but then rooms are available until 11 pm.

Adjunct Faculty Office (CH 321; 973-655-3401): Access to computer, phone, limited storage. Contact Phil Clifford (CH 120; cliffordp@montclair.edu, 973-655-7885) for keys.

Email requirements: Faculty must sign up for an MSU email address in order to receive important information from the University and Cali School. All work related correspondence must be made through your MSU email. Only MSU email addresses will be listed on the Cali School website and will be used for access to work related documents. See ID signup on the MSU website for assistance. Faculty are responsible for changing their passwords every six months. You will receive a reminder email from the University tech department. The password must be changed or email will be disabled.

NEST: NEST is the University's all-inclusive student-services software suite. Things available on NEST include: teaching assignments, class lists (yours as well as others'), as well as portals for student attendance verification and grading.

Mailboxes: Faculty and staff mailboxes, located in room 149, are accessible for mail, messages and materials.

Telephones: Emergency in-house phones and emergency contact information are located in the hallways on every floor. Please remind students that cell phones should be turned off during classes and performances.

Teaching space: Classrooms for general education and group classes are determined before the start of each semester and are listed with your course information on NEST. Faculty can reserve practice rooms for private lesson instruction through Lindsay Setzer at the beginning of each semester. Daily/temporary reservations are also available, but must be requested by **4pm the day before use**. Any request after that time will not be accommodated - faculty must find a space first come, first serve. Practice rooms are only to be used for active applied lessons and will be checked against student assignments. Personal time, office hours, or anything else outside of active lessons is not permitted. Please seek the adjunct office or other lounge/quiet areas on campus for this use. Faculty are not permitted to ask a student to leave if the room is not reserved.

Faculty offices and studios: Faculty offices and studios are off limits to unsupervised students. Students found violating this rule may be required to forfeit practice and/or performance privileges.

Leshowitz Recital Hall: The hall is available for degree recitals and Cali School ensembles including times for dress rehearsal and performance. See our recital policies for complete information. Students are not permitted in the Recital Hall unaccompanied. A faculty member must be present to gain access (accompanist, applied lesson teacher).

Maintenance of facilities: All maintenance and facilities concerns can be addressed by reporting to the Facilities office through the online ticketing system, or by using any phone in the building to dial ext 5444. We ask that rooms be left as outlined on the set up sheet, located at the front of each room.

Practice rooms: If practice rooms are not in use for lessons, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis for student personal practice. Students cannot reserve practice rooms & subsequently, faculty cannot reserve a practice space for student personal practice.

Keys: Adjunct faculty should contact Phil Clifford (CH-120; cliffordp@montclair.edu) to have their ID added to the access system for classrooms in Chapin Hall & practice rooms in Russ Hall. You must include your CWID in the email. Students may **not** be given keys to studios or other locked areas. Students gaining access through violation of this rule may be subject to university sanctions.

Food in Chapin Hall: Food is allowed only at the tables in the ground floor lounge area. No receptions are allowed in the building.

Pianos: No one is allowed to bring in their own piano tuner to tune or work on pianos at the University. Any suggestions or complaints concerning pianos should be brought to the attention of our piano technician, Martin Giorgieff. Please note any tuning needs or concerns on the Piano Service Request Forms located in the main office.

Classroom Media: Built-in media equipment is available in rooms G1, G2, 230, 330, G55 (choral room) and 201 (instrumental room). Be sure to arrange a time before your first class to try out the equipment if needed.

Computer Equipment: If you have questions about equipment and training, contact the Office of Technology Services (OIT) help desk 973-655-7971, day or evening. They will refer your question to the appropriate person in their office or to the College of the Arts Technology Office.

Computers/Audio Software: The computer lab (CH-122) provides Macintosh computers with keyboards and professional audio software for use by students and faculty. Lab hours are posted each semester.

Copying: The school copier is for the use of faculty only. Please see Paula Chmiel in the main office for access. Only MSU given devices are granted access to the Sharp Copier in the mailroom. Personal devices or USBs cannot access the machine. Passwords should never be given to students. They should be directed to self-serve copiers in Sprague Library or the Student Center.

Copy Services: The University has arranged with One Source in Clifton to provide copying services for courses. Minimum order must be \$25. Information is available in the main office. The university must approve all orders. Please leave several days to process your order.

Bulletin Boards: Notices may be posted on designated general bulletin boards only. Any notices taped to doors or in stairwells will be removed. Permission is required from the Student Affairs Office (Student Center 4th floor) to post flyers at other locations on campus.

Bookstore: The campus bookstore (973-655-5460; fax: 973-655-1291, bkstr.com) on the ground floor of the Student Center sells textbooks, stationery, school supplies, general books, etc.

Closings: Closings information will be announced on the University webpage (montclair.edu), on the automated telephone line 973-655-7810, and via email and text. Always check before leaving for campus in cases of severe weather.

Lost and Found: Turn in found items to the Main Office. Look for a lost item in the “Lost & Found” cabinet in the mail room. The Cali School is not responsible for lost items.

Scheduling Classes

Academic Class Scheduling: Area Coordinators are liaisons regarding scheduling. Faculty are required to discuss scheduling concerns and adjustments with their overseeing Area Coordinators who will then liaise with the relevant Cali School Staff (advisors, scheduling, etc.). Faculty are not permitted to circumvent their Area Coordinator and go directly to the Registrar's Office regarding the schedule.

Student Registration: Faculty must check at the beginning of the semester to be sure students are registered for their classes.

Recital & Masterclass Planning

Student Recitals: See student information, page 13

Faculty Recitals: Each year, faculty may schedule a recital in Leshowitz Recital Hall. The Concert Committee establishes specific windows of time that are appropriate for faculty recitals to be held that do not conflict with major events. Contact the Scheduling Office (Taylor Goodson) to determine available dates. Once the performance day and time is confirmed by Taylor, contact the Production Manager (Andy Dickerson) to discuss any potential production requirements.

To have programs produced by the Cali School, please follow the standard program procedure.

Studio Recital Scheduling

Area Coordinators at the Cali School of Music are permitted to host **Studio Recitals**, performances for their area that take place during the semester. Studio Recitals are held in the **Leshowitz Recital Hall**, room **G55**, room **201**, and **Westminster 110**. Please refer to the "Recital Performance Spaces" section of the **Recital Policy** for further details about these spaces. Studio Recital scheduling for all spaces for the upcoming academic year opens on **August 1st**, about one month before the beginning of the Fall semester. Studio Recital scheduling for the Fall semester closes on **November 15** while Spring semester Studio Recital scheduling closes on **April 15**.

Please be aware of the following additional regulations:

- Area Coordinators are permitted **one** Studio Recital performance in the Leshowitz Recital Hall per semester. All additional performances will be scheduled in either G55, 201, or Westminster 110.
- Studio Recitals in G55, 201, and Westminster 110 are **unstaffed**. It is up to the Area Coordinator to secure room access, oversee event setup, and return the space to its proper arrangement at the conclusion of the event.
- Studio Recitals must not exceed 90 minutes in length, inclusive of one 10-minute intermission.
- Studio Recitals will have 30 minutes for a sound check starting one hour before the recital. The house will be opened 30 minutes prior to your scheduled recital start time.
- Recitals must always start on time unless there is a need for production to hold.
- No encores permitted. House lights will come up at the conclusion of the final piece.
- Available Studio Recital times:
 - **Tuesday - Friday:** 5 & 8pm; **Saturdays:** 2, 5 & 8pm; **Sundays:** 11am, 2pm, 5pm, & 8pm
 - No recitals will be scheduled on Mondays or during University holiday weekends.
- No recitals are permitted to be scheduled during the following conflicts:
 - The Crawford Memorial Concert in December
 - Against area/instrument-related large ensemble events (e.g., no voice recitals during a University Singers/MSU Chorale concert)

If you would like to book a Studio Recital, Area Coordinators can contact the Cali School's Scheduling Administrator Taylor Goodson by email (goodsont@montclair.edu), by phone (extension 3215), or in person (Chapin 129).

Masterclass Scheduling

Area Coordinators at the Cali School of Music are permitted to host **masterclasses** for their area that take place during the semester. Masterclasses are held in the **Leshowitz Recital Hall**, room **G55**, room **201**, and **Westminster 110**. All masterclasses are unstaffed - no Production Office staff will be provided for these events. It is up to the Area Coordinator to secure room access, oversee event setup, and return the space to its proper arrangement at the conclusion of the event. Masterclass scheduling for all spaces for the upcoming academic year opens on **August 1st**, about one month before the beginning of the Fall semester. While masterclass scheduling does not have a formal closing date during the semester, masterclasses are not to be scheduled during any of the following:

- Juries & final examinations
- Against area/instrument-related large ensemble events (e.g., no voice masterclasses during a University Singers/MSU Chorale rehearsal or concert)

In order to book a masterclass, Area Coordinators must utilize the following procedure:

- Ensure availability for your desired masterclass date.
 - The Cali School Google Calendar that is shared with you will show you what dates and times are available. However, you must confirm with the Scheduling Administrator Taylor Goodson that your desired date and time is indeed available before proceeding.
- Once you have a date and time, you must then fill out the "Guest Artist/Speaker and Faculty Additional Assignment Form." To access this document, contact the Financial Secretary Paula Chmiel.
- Once this document has been completed, the masterclass will be added to the Cali School's production documents. Promotional materials will only be created after this point. Please contact the Marketing & Outreach Manager Heather Kern for further details.

Student & Faculty Recitals - Program Creation

Faculty Large Ensemble Programs: (Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, University Singers/Chorale performances in Kasser, Jazz Ensemble) Please deliver all copy, including rosters, via email to Heather Kern at kernh@montclair.edu **two full weeks prior to the event. Please expect to approve a draft one week before the event.**

Kaleidoscope and Crawford Concert Programs: Please deliver all copy, including rosters, via email to Heather Kern at kernh@montclair.edu **three full weeks prior to the event. Please expect to approve a draft two weeks before the event.**

All **Studio Recitals, Cali Midweek Recitals, Masterclasses, and Cali Immersive Residency** events must be entered in our online program software, [ProBuilder](#), by the event coordinator.

Important: In line with the University's sustainability goals, we no longer print physical programs. Instead, attendees will access programs via QR codes at the event.

To ensure your program is available via QR code, it must be finalized in ProBuilder at least one week before your recital.

Need help? Visit the [Cali School ProBuilder instructions](#)
[<https://www.montclair.edu/music/current-students/creating-programs>]

Or email Heather Kern at kernh@montclair.edu

Promotion of Events

Please provide information for your events **no later than one month** prior to your event for effective and thorough promotion. Information will be collected on this google form: <https://bit.ly/Marketing-25-26>

Events will be promoted via:

- Campus wide announcement on University Calendar: <https://www.montclair.edu/calendar/>
- Printed flier (posted in the Cali Bldg and for large events around campus)
- Digital flier (emailed to coordinator to post on their social media and email to interested parties and potential Cali Students)
- Digital flat screen slide posted in Cali building lobby
- Announcement in monthly newsletter
- Digital community postings in at least 2 of the following: TapInto.com, northjersey.com, Patch.com, Baristanet.com, montclairgirl.com
- Cali Social Media post: definitely posted on our Facebook and Instagram story, if space allows a full post will be on our social media timeline.
- Faculty needing flyer design must submit info at <https://bit.ly/Marketing-25-26> **at least one month prior to the event** (later submissions are not guaranteed marketing support)

Area Coordinators General Timeline

<https://www.montclair.edu/music/area-coordinators>

Administrative Calendar for 25-26

Teaching Assignments

July 28, 2025 – First day for Fall 2025 Adjunct assignments can be entered in Workday

August 13, 2025 – New adjunct documents received and I-9 completed (Paula)

August 20, 2025 – Fall 2025 Adjunct assignments due for first Pay Period (Paula, Letitia and Michelle)

December 16, 2025 – First day for Spring 2026 Adjunct assignments in Workday

January 3, 2026 – New Adjunct documents received and I-9 completed (Paula)

January 2, 2026 – Spring 2026 Adjunct assignments due for first Pay Period (Paula, Letitia and Michelle)

Scheduling and Registration

August 1, 2025 – Recital Booking opens for Fall 2025 Semester (Taylor)

August 20-21, 2025 – Freshman Orientation

August 26-28, 2025 – Student Auditions for Large Ensembles and Area Placement Auditions

September 8, 2025 – Final day for Fall 2023 Registration (Letitia)

Early October – Academic scheduling for Summer 2026 session begins (Taylor)

Mid-October – Schedule Fall Juries (Taylor)

Mid-October – Studio and Ensemble Rosters due for Spring (Letitia)

October/November - Registration for Spring (Letitia)

November 15, 2025– Recital booking in Leshowitz closes for Fall 2025 (Taylor)

December 1, 2025 – Recital Booking opens for Spring 2026 Semester (Taylor)

December/January – Academic scheduling for Fall/Winter 2026 begins (Taylor)

January 26, 2026 – Final day for Spring 2024 Registration (Letitia)

Late February – Scheduling for Spring Juries (Taylor)

March/April – Registration for the following Fall (Letitia)

April 15, 2026 – Recital booking in Leshowitz closes for Spring 2026 (Taylor)

June/July – Academic scheduling for Spring 2027 begins (Taylor)

Auditions

*please see the audition schedule in the RedBook for further details on audition deadlines & dates

Budget

February School Meeting (February 2, 2026) - Area Coordinator Budget Worksheets created and shared (Stephanie)

February - Meetings to review (Stephanie)

February 27, 2026 - Draft Area Coordinator Budgets Due (Stephanie)

Ongoing - Review budget vs actuals for Area (Stephanie, Paula)

Use of School-Owned Musical Instruments

Musical instruments are supplied by the School of Music to its faculty, enrolled music majors and minors, and enrolled students participating in school activities. They are available for educational purposes only to those enrolled in classes, ensembles, or lessons. There is a fee assessed when instruments are used for techniques classes. This fee is waived by faculty request when a student needs an instrument to perform in an ensemble. A written request by the faculty member must be submitted before an instrument will be given to the student. Contact the Production Manager (Phil Clifford) with any questions about the use, fees, tuning, or maintenance of instruments. The following list of terms and conditions is part of a contract students must sign before using an instrument:

Conditions of use

The terms and conditions under which instruments are loaned are listed below. Upon signing for an instrument, the party is responsible for its normal care and security while in his or her possession.

- Each semester a school instrument is used (summer is counted as a semester) there is a fee. This fee may be waived only by the Cali School director.
- The instrument and case will be returned in the same condition as received with allowances for reasonable wear.
- The party is to assume responsibility for any damage beyond reasonable wear that may occur while the instrument is in his or her possession, on or off campus.
- If, due to negligence, an instrument is stolen, the party is responsible for its replacement. Examples of obvious negligence are: a) leaving lockers unlocked or b) leaving instruments unattended in practice rooms.
- If the borrower withdraws from the class or activity for which the instrument was loaned, the instrument must be returned immediately.
- In the event that the borrower withdraws from or otherwise leaves the university, the instrument must be returned immediately. If the instrument is not returned as specified, the party assumes all charges and expenses, including legal fees, which may be incurred by Montclair State University, to secure the return of the instrument. Additionally, a hold will be placed on the student's university file, preventing future registration or release of transcripts, until the matter has been settled.
- The deadline for final check-in for all instruments is 48 hours after the relevant applied jury examination. Student grades will be held until all matters are cleared after that date.
- Any exceptions to these policies must be approved by the director.

School Instrument Rental Process

A student must be registered for a course in which the instrument is needed (applied lessons, large ensembles, methods course, etc). Students requesting an instrument must first consult with their instructor to determine if they require use of a school instrument. The instructor will then request use of a school instrument on the student's behalf. The request should be forwarded to the Production Manager and relevant area coordinator (i.e. tenor saxophone requests should include the Woodwind Coordinator, cornet requests should include the Brass Coordinator, etc). The Production Manager and area coordinator in consultation with the large ensemble directors (if applicable) will allow or disallow the use of the instrument. If approved, the student will then meet with the Production Manager to fill out instrument rental paperwork, deliver any applicable rental fees, and pick up the instrument.

Percussion equipment use

Percussion equipment must be moved from storage (Chapin 202 and several other rooms) for most rehearsals and performances. Follow the guidelines below to ensure required equipment is in place when needed:

- For regularly scheduled rehearsals and performances: Put away all equipment immediately after rehearsals or performances, whether these take place in McEachern or elsewhere.
- Other uses of equipment: Permission from a percussion instructor is required for individual practice or performance. If borrowed equipment is to leave Chapin Hall, the borrower is responsible for obtaining written permission from a percussion instructor and submitting it to the Percussion Coordinator. This must be done no later than 24 hours before the equipment is to leave the building.

Frequently Asked Questions

Academic Advice and Support

Who will help me plan my course load?

- You will be assigned an advisor who is knowledgeable about your concentration and particular interests. Your advisor will be listed in Degree Works.

How often should I see my advisor?

- You should consult with your advisor AT LEAST once a semester preceding registration to ensure that you fulfill your requirements. Feel free to talk about decisions regarding your academic program. Advisors offer help in many ways, so take as much advantage of them as possible.

Where can I get help with registration?

- For curricular matters, see your advisor. For technical issues or authorizations, see Administrator Gina Balestracci.

Who is responsible for overseeing my progress in the music program?

- It is your responsibility to meet all requirements of the university and school. Your advisor will help you do this. Use the Cali School curriculum guides and Degree Works to monitor your progress and also meet with your advisor to ensure on-time graduation.

How do the school of music rules and regulations fit in with university requirements?

- The school sets rules for meeting music curriculum requirements. The university sets general rules and regulations for graduation that are summarized in MSU's undergraduate catalog online. The rules in the university catalog in effect during your freshman year will apply to you throughout your university career. If there are changes while you are attending MSU—for instance, if general education course requirements are altered—such changes may not apply to you.

How do I find out about applied music lesson requirements?

- Applied music lessons are required for all undergraduates. Undergraduates register for MUSI-499; graduates for MUSI-599. For composition students, undergraduates register for MUCP-498; graduates for MUCP-598.

How can I apply for a double major in music?

- No. See your advisor to discuss other options.

May I change my degree program within the school of music?

Yes. To change from one concentration to another:

1. **Meet with faculty advisors** in your current concentration and in the one you wish to enter. These meetings will help you clarify your reasons for changing and assess your potential for entering a new concentration.
2. **Fulfill requirements for entering a new concentration:**
 - **Performance** — Gain approval of performance faculty by completing a successful audition.
 - **Music Education or Music Therapy** — Gain approval of music education or music therapy faculty by completing a successful interview.
 - **Theory/Composition** — Gain approval of theory/composition faculty by completing a successful portfolio review and interview.

- **Performance with Music Theater emphasis** — Gain approval of music, theater and dance faculty by completing a successful audition.
- 3. **When you have been notified by the faculty that you have been accepted into the new concentration**, your concentration will be changed.

How can I change my major to something other than music?

You should discuss the change with your music advisor and with advisors in your new major to assure a smooth transition. You may need to take up courses in your new major, but music courses will in most cases apply toward your graduation requirements. You may also have earned enough credits in music to declare a music minor.

May I take a leave-of-absence from school?

Yes. If you need to take a leave-of-absence please inform your advisor so that you, the Cali School and the university can plan accordingly. You will be required to submit a Leave-of-Absence form. A leave of absence may affect the courses that you will be required to take upon your return.

Standards, Examinations, Final Admission to Programs

How will I know if I am meeting the standards of the Cali School?

There are university guidelines for retention in the university catalog. You should read these guidelines since they are part of the criteria used to determine whether you may remain in a program of study. In addition to these, the school monitors each major's progress. Undergraduates who fail academic work may be asked to suspend applied music lessons and/or ensembles until their academic work has improved.

What grades must I maintain to remain a music major?

Students may be required to repeat any music courses in which they receive a D+, D, D-, or F. Courses may be repeated a maximum of two times after the first failed attempt. Passing grades must be earned at each level of a sequence of courses before a student is allowed to progress to the next level. We believe that understanding of course material at every level adds an essential dimension to your musical skills and development. Your advisor is there to help you if you are having trouble at any point in your studies.

Comprehensive Examination/Assessment

At the end of the sophomore year, all students must demonstrate comprehensive musicianship in the performing primary, functional keyboard skills, theoretical and practical skills, secondary vocal skills and other elements germane to the student's concentration. Continuation as a music major is dependent upon adequate performance in these areas.

Graduate students are required to complete a culminating activity.

Composition

Final admission in junior year; in addition to fulfillment requirements, all candidates must submit a portfolio of compositions and undergo an oral examination at the end of sophomore year.

Music Therapy

Final admission in junior year; in addition to fulfillment requirements, all candidates must submit a portfolio of clinical experience and will be evaluated at the end of sophomore year.

Performance

Provisional acceptance is determined by an applied music jury at the end of the freshman year unless a postponement to the middle of the sophomore year is requested by the major teacher. Full admission is delayed until after a sophomore recital and/or demonstration of a solid grasp of technical aspects of the performing medium, and genuine musicality and sensitivity.

Music Education

Final admission is granted only after an interview and review of credentials toward the end of the sophomore year.

Applied Music Requirements

All music students must study with members of the Montclair State faculty. An applied music fee, in addition to tuition, must be paid for private instruction. Recital requirements: Undergraduates concentrating in performance present two recitals, one before the end of junior year and the second in the senior year; two year; and 3) Students concentrating in theory/composition present a recital of original compositions in the senior year. Piano students are expected to accompany at a level of ability designated by their teachers and to participate actively in the musical life of MSU and the community. All students should perform during performance practicum at least once during each year of primary study. Applied music instruction beyond the minimum requirements may be available when schedules and other considerations allow.

Recitals for the graduate programs are outlined in the program descriptions.

Ensemble Requirements

The ensemble policy is based on the principle that all students must perform in ensemble(s) every semester of their attendance at Montclair State in order to assure the broadest possible experience in important ensemble repertoire and to assure that these ensembles have the needed instrumentation for successful performance. Although minimum requirements vary with each concentration, this principle is the overriding one. Students are expected to perform in their primary ensemble during each semester of attendance. Students may be assigned by the school director to an ensemble in accordance with the needs of the school, regardless of the completion by the student of the minimum requirements. Where admission to a chamber ensemble is by audition and a student fails to gain admission, additional performance in a large ensemble may, with the director's consent, be substituted. Chamber ensembles must perform once a semester, either on recital or for a jury.

If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, involvement in all ensembles may be denied so that the student can focus on academic improvement.

Any changes in the ensemble policy will be posted in the Cali School.

Grading

Repeating Courses Undergraduates may only repeat courses in which they have received below a C-.

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades will be granted by faculty members in cases where a student has completed most of the work for a course and extraordinary circumstances preclude her/him from finishing the required work by the end of a semester or summer session. Incomplete grades will be posted for a period of approximately six weeks after the submission of final grades: February 15 for a Fall course, June 30 for a Spring course, and October 15 for a Summer course. If work is not completed and a final grade posted within that time, the grade will revert to an F. The faculty member and student are required to submit a written contract regarding course completion.

A grade may never be changed from a letter grade to an Incomplete.

Grade Changes

A change of grade request must be initiated by faculty, approved by the school director, College of the Arts dean, and forwarded to the Office of the Registrar no later than one year after the term or coursework was due to be finished. In the event that a faculty member has left the employment of the University, the Director should determine his/her willingness to consider "IN" grade completions as well as grade changes. The school should determine how the individual would be contacted for this purpose. In the event that the former faculty member is not available for completion of these tasks, the school will choose some continuing faculty person who can act in his/her behalf. Note that no changes will be made to the academic record beyond 30 days of the student's graduation date.

Important Notes

A grade may never be changed from a letter grade to an Incomplete.

No student may remain in a class if he or she is not officially registered. Faculty are responsible for insuring that there are no students in classes who are not on the Registrar's official class lists. It is not allowable for students to 'post' register for a course.

Performing at Montclair State University

The Cali School sponsors over 300 concerts each year by the band, chamber ensembles, chamber singers, choral, orchestra, opera workshop, wind ensemble, student organizations, faculty, and undergraduate and graduate students. Students will be involved in many different kinds of performances over the course of their studies. This section provides an overview of student ensembles and of the process for planning individual recitals.

Policies and Procedures for Chamber Ensemble Registration

1. Large ensembles are defined as Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, Orchestra and Chorale only.
2. All ensembles must have at least three students to qualify as a chamber ensemble. Duos may be approved by the Cali School director only if they satisfy curricular requirements.
3. Any student registered for more than four ensembles must show a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and a B or better in applied instrument study.
4. All students must register for any ensemble in which they participate. Any exceptions must be approved by the director before participation.
5. Faculty coaching ensembles which do not have all students registered will not be compensated for coaching.
6. With the exception of Guitar Ensemble, Bass Ensemble (Practicum) and Percussion Ensemble, the registration committee recommends students perform in mixed rather than homogeneous chamber ensembles. The existence of studio or homogeneous ensembles needs the approval of the director or faculty.
7. No faculty may form any studio, homogeneous, or chamber ensembles and receive credit and payment for them without PRIOR approval of the director and coordinators.

Participating in Ensembles

Participation Undergraduates taking private instrumental or vocal lessons with MSU faculty members must perform with at least one major school ensemble every semester they are registered as full-time students or have registered for applied lessons. Instrumentalists may audition for band, wind ensemble and/or orchestra. Vocalists, keyboardists and guitarists will participate in chorale as a major ensemble. The director may make ensemble assignments as the school's needs dictate.

Credit Undergraduates are granted 0.5 credits per ensemble, regardless of the amount of rehearsal time involved. Students may elect to continue performing in an ensemble after their requirements are completed. Students may be requested, at the discretion of the school director, to continue performing in an ensemble. Graduate students earn one credit per ensembles.

Grades Grades may be lowered for any student who is late or leaves before the rehearsal or performance is over. Failure to appear for a scheduled performance may affect a student's rights and privileges as a music major.

Exceptions Exceptions to this policy will be at the discretion of the major ensemble directors, the student's advisor, and the Cali School director. Detailed curricular ensemble assignments are listed in the curriculum guides (see Appendix).

Chamber Ensembles In order to place students with similar musical interests and abilities in appropriate chamber ensembles, the ensemble directors hold auditions at the beginning of each semester. You may need to audition for the dual auditions of the chamber and smaller ensembles. All graduate chamber ensembles and ensembles in which membership is determined by audition require Cali School authorization before registration.

Policies and Procedures for Private Lesson Registration

1. The Cali School director, with coordinators, determines full time faculty load requirements for private students and/or chamber ensembles for the academic year before any instructors are assigned private students and/or chamber ensembles. Noadjunct faculty are assigned private students until full time loads are filled.
2. Teaching assignments before registration go from coordinators to instructors and the school administrator.
3. All students must be registered in order to receive private lessons. Students may not receive double lessons in any one semester without registering for both sets of lessons (i.e. percussion/drum set or piano/harpsichord or clarinet/bass clarinet). All double sets of lessons must be approved by the director, and are never automatic. Double sets of lessons require a cumulative 3.00 GPA in previous semester, and a B or better on private study.
4. No student may receive additional semesters of private lessons beyond curriculum requirements without director's permission.
5. Instructors will not be compensated for unregistered students. Any student not registered by the second week of semester should not be receiving private lessons under any circumstances.
6. All coordinators in each area (Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, Percussion, Piano, Voice, Composition, and Guitar) must report final teaching assignments to the director and the school administrator by the end of the second week of each semester.
7. If an instructor of Applied Music has a registered student who is not present, instructor must advise the school administrator by the third week of semester.

Note: If a student's GPA falls below 3.0, lessons may be curtailed until academic performance has improved.

Appendix

NESTlings: Hints for finding useful things in NEST

If you are teaching a course, you should be authorized to log in to NEST, and it works hand-in-hand with CANVAS. NEST, named in keeping with MSU's hawk theme, is the aggregate under which all the student services (our chicks?) will be housed. These software programs include BANNER and DEGREEWORKS right now. I've had a fair amount of training in the systems, but that training didn't really cover the things that we in the Music School need to use on a daily basis. I've been using the system for nearly a year, so I'm passing along some strategies that I have found useful so far. I will continue to provide updates as I discover more and more things, and I welcome questions.

First and foremost, ALL teaching faculty must have a NEST account and must know how to use it. NEST is the instrument that you will use to enter grades (not Canvas!), so, like the musicians that we all are, practicing and learning how to play the instrument before the performance will be useful. Perusing and checking class rosters—early and often—will give you that practice. Faculty should know which course sections they are teaching and exactly which students are in each section. Faculty need to verify student attendance in classes at the beginning of each term, and that is done in NEST. If student attendance is not verified (for Financial Aid purposes) the student will be withdrawn from classes, so attendance verification is an extremely important exercise, and it is a useful introduction to NEST.

A College-Wide Identification number (CWID) is necessary to open a NEST account, which means that Human Resources needs to have all the bits and pieces that are required for hiring you. If, after learning your CWID, you do not have access to NEST, you need to contact the IT Department at 973-655-7971.

Course instructors-of-record have access to SSB, or Self-Service Banner. This part of the software suite provides you with access to a great deal of information, and you need to learn how to use it. If I know that you are able to access something (class rosters, student schedules, student contact information, etc.) I will not look kindly upon being asked to provide it. However, I will be more than happy to show you how to find what you're looking for, providing as much additional information as I have on how to use the system; and I will provide one-on-one sessions to anyone who asks. IT also offers classes and one-on-one instruction in the use of NEST. For what it's worth, I find that playing with a system and getting lost in it is the best way to learn how to use it, but your learning style may be different than mine.

NEST is available on the MSU website. Type "nest" into the search box, or if you're on one of the older pages there is a link on the "Quicklinks." You will need your University username (first part of your e-mail address) and password to enter NEST. You are looking for **Self-Service Banner (SSB)**.

N.B.—NEST will not work with some browsers, will not work well with some others, and for some it will not allow the end-user to have the most recent browser software. If you cannot log into NEST, please call IT (973-655-7971) for assistance.

When you enter **Self-Service Banner**, you want to select **Faculty/Advisor Services**. You will then see something like the following table (it can differ depending upon your level of access):

Student Information Menu	Term Selection	CRN Selection	Faculty Detail Schedule
Week at a Glance	Detail Class List	Summary Class List	Final Grades
Incomplete Grades Summary	Class Schedule	Course Catalog	Faculty Grade Summary
Look Up Classes			

When entering a student's name in almost any part of the NEST suite, enter as much as you have. If you do not have a complete name, "%" (the percent sign) is used as a truncating character. (E.g., balestr%, gi% would find me in NEST). A comma is necessary between the first and last name unless there are separate windows for each part of the name.

Student Information Menu: This is a very helpful menu item, but unfortunately available only to official academic advisors. It is the best way to check on anything having to do with a specific student by working with its sub-options. If you do not have access to the Student Information Menu and you're looking for information about a student who is in any of your classes (including applied music), the same information can be accessed through the Summary or Detail Class Lists. See below for further descriptions of the sub-options.

Term Selection does one thing only: it allows you to select the term for which you want information. Other menu selections include a drop-down menu option to do this, although some require you to enter it yourself, so you probably won't need this button very often. If there is not a pull-down menu with term selections, the convention for entering academic terms is as follows:

Full year (calendar year) + 2-digit semester (Winter = 10; Spring = 20; Summer = 30; Fall = 40), e.g.,
Fall 2018 = 201840
Winter 2018 = 201810
Spring 2019 = 201920
Summer 2019 = 201930

CRN Selection: CRNs are Course Record Numbers, or what used to be Call Numbers in SIS/WESS. They're individual section identifiers and are the main navigation tool in BANNER. For instance, when you are entering grades and need to move from one class to another, you need to enter the CRN. This function provides you with the information (including course titles, course numbers, and number of students enrolled) for all your courses.

Faculty Detail Schedule: This is where you will find your most detailed schedule. It will include classrooms, times, etc. It also provides the number of students enrolled in each section. If you print your schedule from this page, it will take a lot of paper.

Week at a Glance: This is a much more concise version of your schedule, in chart form. If you're teaching all MUAP courses, it will list them all in one place as TBA. Unfortunately it doesn't provide enrollments in each section, but it's a much more paper-saving way to print your class schedule. Make sure you choose a week that has all the days listed! Enrollments can be found

Detail Class List: As with the **Faculty Detail Schedule**, this option is long winded. I printed the class list for MUPR 395 01, which had four students enrolled, and it took five pages. It provides a lot of information, however. Once you open up a course to look at the enrollment, it will "stick to" that course, so to navigate to another course, you use **CRN Selection**, which provides you with the information (including course titles, course numbers, and number of students enrolled) for all your other courses.

Summary Class List: I think this is the class roster page you will use more often than the **Detail Class List**. You can also go to CANVAS for class rosters. As with **Detail Class List**, you use **CRN Selection** to navigate from class to class. **Area Coordinators: this is where you can see other instructors' class rosters.**

How to look up class rosters for classes being taught by instructors in your area

If you want to look up class rosters you need CRNs (course record numbers).

- To find those, use the **Look Up Classes** function. **Select term** from the pull-down when asked, then **Submit**.
- For woodwinds: For administrative purposes, you will want all the applied music numbers with section numbers in the **40s**, and in the **Ds**
- You will need to look at **View Section** for each course level (121, 122, 223, etc.) to get all the CRNs. That is why I sent along the MUAP taxonomy. (You can do this one at a time using the menus, but with the number of applied music courses assigned to each instructor it's faster just to write it all down.
- Once you've located those courses, write down the CRNs (second column, they're in blue).
- Return to **Faculty/Advisor Services**, and click on the **Summary Class List** function.
- This will give you direct access to your own courses on a pull-down menu, but you may also select other courses by clicking on **Enter CRN Directly**.
- This will give you a small box where you can enter the five-digit CRN for the course that you would like to see, that you wrote down from the **Look Up Classes** menu.
- This will take you back to the **Faculty/Advisor Services** menu, where you re-select **Summary Class List** for the course whose CRN you entered.
- To change to another course, return to **CRN Selection**, enter the next CRN, and then re-select **Summary Class List** for the course whose CRN you entered. Rinse and repeat as needed.

Attendance Verification: Each student's presence in class must be verified in NEST each semester. This is mandatory.

Final Grades: This should be self-explanatory, however once you enter this set of screens things aren't necessarily straightforward. A few hints:

- Make sure you select the correct semester (term)
- The column for entering grades is in the center of the screen, and available grades are on a pull-down menu
- The Attend Date and Attend Hours do not seem to be critical to grade submission
- If you give a student an Incomplete grade (IN), and hit Submit, an F will appear. This is because the grade will become an F if the student doesn't complete the work. Just hit the Submit button again and it will register as an Incomplete.
- You cannot enter grades for a class for which you are not the instructor.

Incomplete Grades Summary: This should work as indicated.

Class Schedule: I haven't had to use this feature for anything yet, but while playing with it I was able to generate a listing of all (approximately 1500) MUAP sections using the subject listings! It uses a large pull-down menu of subject listings, then details are added by the user.

Course Catalog: This is just a link to specific courses in the Catalog. Other screens within BANNER also will provide links to the Catalog.

Faculty Grade Summary: This isn't connected, and the screen advises you to check your "Summary Class List" to verify grade submission.

Look Up Classes: This one is self-explanatory. In addition to music courses, one can find non-music courses as well as the CRNs that are required for registration. It is menu-driven, first with a selection of the semester desired; then with an alphabetical listing of all subject areas taught within in the university. Ours, of course, are all listed as Music, and divided by the names corresponding to our course numbers:

Music/Applied Music (MUAP)
Music/Music Education (MUED)
Music/Ensemble (MUEN)

Music/General (MUGN)
 Music/History (MUHS)
 Music/Literature (MULT)
 Music/Performance (MUPR)
 Music/Sec instrum class (MSSN)
 Music/Technology (MUTC)
 Music/Theory/Composit (MUCP)
 Music/Therapy (MUTH)
 Musical Theatre (MTTH)

Once you select an area, all courses should be displayed, and you can view specific course sections by clicking as prompted. If you think something should be listed that isn't please let me know ASAP. The CRN, a five-digit code, is what the student needs to register; and what the faculty need to select course sections for viewing rosters and grading.

The **Student Information Menu** is further subdivided into its own set of options:

Term Selection	ID Selection	Student Information
Student Address + Phones	Student E-Mail Address	Student Schedule
Academic Transcript	Registration History	Advisee Listing
View Test Scores	View Holds	Concise Student Schedule
Student Week at a Glance		

Term Selection: Unless you've just logged into the system, you will probably have selected the term (semester) in which you're working. This is also an option on several of the other **Student Information Menu** screens. If you are working within several semesters, this is one mode of navigation.

ID Selection: This is how you change from one student to another when looking for details about students. It provides an option to enter names. In general when entering names:

- If you don't know the full name, put in what you do know and use % as a truncation device, e.g., you're looking for Jonathan Doe, but you know him as Johnnie: enter Doe, Jo%, and all the Does whose first names begin with Jo will be provided as choices.
- On screens where there are lines for first and last names, obviously use them.
- If there is only one line, enter last name first, followed by a comma (this is important!), then first name.
- Case is irrelevant.
- Sometimes SSB asks for Student ID—most often you can tab to the next area and enter the name using the parameters above.
- If you do use a student ID, put the letter "M" before it (no space), e.g., M12345678.

Student Information: Not address, phone number, or e-mail, but all other demographic information pertaining to their MSU career (availability is determined by level of access).

Student Addresses and Phones: as indicated.

Student E-Mail Address: as indicated (multiple e-mails as provided by student).

Student Schedule: As with the **Faculty Detail Schedule**, this is the long-winded version that provides e-mail contact for each professor and lots of other information.

Academic Transcript: This is not yet available, but will eventually be migrated from WESS/SIS. For at least all of Fall 2016, transcripts of continuing students are still available on the old Faculty Services website.

Registration History: When your students tell you: “But I registered for that!” or at the end of the semester: “I dropped this class,” you can check up on them!

Advisee Listing: All your advisees will be listed on this screen, with clickable links for e-mail and lots of other information.

View Test Scores: as indicated, although MSU no longer requires standardized entrance tests.

View Holds: as indicated if a student is unable to register for something. Sometimes I can clear them, sometimes not.

Concise Student Schedule: This is the best screen for looking quickly at what a student is taking. It just lists basic information about each course and it prints out easily. (*Instrumental Area Coordinators: this is where you can see who is registered for which applied sections listed by student; and for which ensembles students have registered.*)

Student Week at a Glance: This is a pictorial view of the student schedule, useful for seeing spaces that exist for scheduling rehearsals and lessons. The first week of school in the Fall usually begins on a Wednesday, so make sure to find a week with all its days to get a full view!

DegreeWorks is another program in the NEST suite. This program creates a file comparable to the Analysis of Academic Progress that was available in WESS, showing the student’s degree progress: courses completed as well as outstanding requirements. One of the problems that I have encountered is that not all students have the “additional curriculum” listed (in our parlance this amounts to their instrument). If that is missing, the audit cannot do its job listing requirements, and is a jumble of music courses. I will be working with the Registrar’s Office this summer to update as many records as possible. It is an ongoing process.

To print a copy of the DegreeWorks analysis, it needs to be saved as a PDF first. There’s a button for that, and then you print the PDF. Only one PDF can be open for printing at one time: if multiple PDFs are open on the screen they will not print.

The DegreeWorks analysis can also be used to project a student’s requirements in another major using the “What if” feature, but the projected requirements cannot be easily printed.

To locate a student in DegreeWorks, the student’s CWID, preceded by an “M” must be entered (e.g., M12345678). If you do not know the student’s CWID the student can be found by using the “Find” feature that is to the right of the “Student ID” window, entering the student’s first and last name when prompted.

Applied Music Taxonomy (MUSI)

The applied music taxonomy has been simplified from the previous MUAP structure. MUSI 499 and MUSIC 599 courses are now variable credit offerings that are able to fill all private instruction requirements at the undergraduate and graduate levels. MUCP 498 and MUCP 598 are the equivalent courses for private instruction in composition.

In addition to the listings below, graduate students in Composition and Music Education may also take Applied Music private instruction as part of their studies.

B.Mus. Music in School & Community Settings,

B.Mus. Music Education, B.Mus./M.A.T. Music Education with dual certification

MUSI 499 (2 credits)
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MUSI 499 (2 credits) —to be taken concurrently with MUPR 485, Senior Recital for Music Ed (and voice students must also take MUPR 200, Vocal Coaching)

B.A. Music Therapy, B.Mus. Theory-Composition, B.F.A. Musical Theater

MUSI 499 (1 credit)/MUCP 498 (2 credits)
MUSI 499 (1 credit)/MUCP 498 (2 credits)
MUSI 499 (1 credit)/MUCP 498 (2 credits)
MUSI 499 (1 credit1)/MUCP 498 (2 credits)
N/A / MUCP 498 (3 credits)
N/A / MUCP 498 (3 credits)

B.Mus. Performance (including Jazz Studies)

MUSI 499 (2 credits)
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MUSI 499 (2 credits)*
MUSI 499 (2 credits)*
MUSI 499 (4 credits)* (note the change to 4-credit lessons in the junior year)
MUSI 499 (4 credits)*— to be taken concurrently with MUPR 395, Junior Recital
MUSI 499 (4 credits)*
MUSI 499 (4 credits)*— to be taken concurrently with MUPR 495, Senior Recital
* Vocal Performance majors (not jazz vocal) must also register for MUPR 200, Vocal Coaching

Master of Music in Performance

MUSI 599 (2 credits)*
MUSI 599 (2 credits)*
MUSI 599 (2 credits)*
MUSI 599 (2 credits)*
* Vocal Performance students must also register for MUPR 540, Vocal Coaching

Woodwind Doubling:

Primary instrument	Primary instrument II	Secondary instrument I	Secondary instrument II
MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)
MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)
MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)
MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (2 credits)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)	MUSI 599 (1 credit)

Performer's Certificate

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

* Vocal Performance students must also register for MUPR 540, Vocal Coaching

Artist's Diploma

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

MUSI 599 (4 credits)*

* Vocal Performance students must also register for MUPR 540, Vocal Coaching

MUSI Section numbers: All private instruction courses use two-letter section numbers. The first letter indicates a different instrumental grouping while the second letter is specific to the instructor. The list below indicates which section numbers are assigned to which instrumental groupings. There are both primary and overflow letters assigned to each instrumental grouping to accommodate areas that may have more than 26 instructors.

Note: Jazz instruments are included in the traditional instrumental groupings, but those instructors report to the Jazz Studies area coordinator rather than the instrumental area coordinator.

Brass: Sections beginning with letter B (primary) or A (overflow)

Conducting: Sections beginning with letter C (primary) or D (overflow)

Guitar: Sections beginning with letter G (primary) or F (overflow)

Harp: Sections beginning with letter H (primary) or I (overflow)

Keyboard: Sections beginning with letter K (primary) or L (overflow)

Miscellaneous: Sections beginning with letter M (primary) or N (overflow)

Percussion: Sections beginning with letter P (primary) or Q (overflow)

Strings: Sections beginning with letter S (primary) or T (overflow)

Voice: Sections beginning with letter V (primary) or U (overflow)

Woodwinds: Sections beginning with letter W (primary) or X (overflow)