

MTSU School of Music

Accompanying Policies

Students enrolled in MUAP (applied music lessons) may utilize the services of a school-paid accompanist according to the following designations below. MUAP applied lesson fees are used, in part, to cover the cost of accompanists. 1-credit lessons carry a \$190/semester fee and 2-credit lessons carry a \$340/semester fee.

Instrumental; no recital	• Up to 3 hours per semester
Instrumental; required recital	• Up to 10 hours during the recital semester
Vocal; no recital	• Up to 8 hours per semester
Vocal; required recital	• Up to 12 hours during the recital semester

General Guidelines

- Eligible services include lessons, studio classes, studio recitals, juries, recital hearings, Student Recital Hour, the Tom Naylor Competition, required recitals, and related rehearsals. Other services require approval.
- A minimum of 15 minutes is charged per service. Any service less than 15 minutes will be recorded as a 15-minute service. Student Recital Hour performances and studio recital performances will not be deducted from a student's allotted hours.
- Unused hours do not roll over to the following semester.
- Students may not exceed 2 hours of accompanist time per week during semesters in which they are not performing a required recital.
- Instrumental students may request an accompaniment for repertoire equivalent to one complete work per semester (e.g., a sonata movement or comparable piece). Requests to perform more than one piece or movement per semester will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Pianists (full- and part-time) are not obligated to accept all requests. Repertoire difficulty, preparation time, and accompanist availability are factored into each decision.
- Students must pay pianists directly for any hours beyond their allotted time, and payment must be made in advance. Pianists are not permitted to perform without payment.
- Pianists are not obligated to exceed a student's allotted hours, even if additional payment is offered.
- Students who choose to hire non-MTSU accompanists are responsible for ensuring the accompanist's availability for all required events and are required to pay accompanists directly. MTSU will not pay for non-MTSU accompanists and will not provide substitutes.

Communication

- All requests must be submitted through the Accompanist Request Forms available on the School of Music website. Requests made otherwise will not be approved.
- Requests for fall semester required degree recitals should be made no later than August 2. Requests for spring semester required degree recitals should be made no later than December 15.
- Requests for single pieces or movements should be made no later than 4 weeks prior to the first rehearsal.

Cancellations and Attendance

- Cancellations by the instructor or student less than 24 hours in advance will deduct from the student's allotted hours. Accompanists are not obligated to attend makeup sessions. If a makeup session is held, it will also be deducted from the student's allotted time.
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- If an accompanist must cancel, notification should be given as early as possible and the accompanist should attempt to reschedule or secure a substitute. Frequent cancellations should be discussed with the Coordinator of Accompanying.
- Missed appointments without notice result in a 30-minute deduction. Repeated absences may result in loss of accompanying privileges.

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