



Studio Policies - Adults

Term/Commitment:

Adult students do not have a minimum or maximum lesson commitment. Annual tuition is based on 40 lessons per year. Once enrolled, lessons are ongoing, and you may continue as long as you wish. Once basics are mastered, there are many different styles and types of playing that can be explored (i.e., improv, songwriting, modern, classical, etc.).

Registration & Tuition:

A non-refundable annual registration fee is due each year in August, or upon enrollment. Tuition and fees are prorated for students registering later in the year.

See Tuition Agreement for current rates and payment schedules. Please note that what you pay is tuition, and is based on enrollment, not attendance. It is not an hourly fee for services rendered because teaching is much more than the time spent during the lesson. Tuition also covers preparation time, teacher training and experience, event costs and preparations, professional organization memberships, professional journals, studio expenses, property taxes, insurance, business licenses, continuing education, and more.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is encouraged to maintain forward progress. *Tuition is not refunded for missed lessons.* However, if you have an unavoidable absence, the following options are available:

- ♪ Skype/FaceTime lesson at your scheduled day/time. This works well if you are unable to leave home (for example – need to stay with a sick family member) but are otherwise well enough to have a lesson.
- ♪ Video lesson. The teacher will prepare a video lesson for you to watch at your convenience, OR you can record yourself playing your pieces, and submit to the teacher for evaluation/help.
- ♪ Reschedule for a different day/time.
- ♪ Credit the next tuition invoice for the missed lesson (Max of 4 lesson credits per year).

If you cannot attend your scheduled lesson, please use the link in the reminder email to reschedule. You can reschedule online up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the lesson. After that time, if you need to cancel, please text. If you are more than 15 minutes late without notifying the teacher, it is considered a no-show. **No shows are not eligible for a credit or makeup lesson.**

♪ **Please note:** *It is your responsibility to schedule makeup lessons.* If you cannot reschedule during the same week that you miss the lesson, you can double up on a future week. Even scheduling lessons on back to back days is perfectly fine. Lesson credits expire at the end of the year and do not carry over.

Teacher reserves the right to cancel lessons in case of illness or family/professional obligations. Lessons cancelled by the teacher are **always** rescheduled or credited.

Summer Lessons:

This is a year-round studio, so a small number of summer lessons are included in the annual tuition. Additional summer lessons may be taken for an extra fee if desired. During the summer months, your lesson day and time may change.

Recitals/Performances: No performances are required for adults. Two annual piano parties (fall and spring) are held at the studio, and any students desiring to play at that time may do so. Participation in other performance opportunities is completely voluntary.

General:

The student agrees to pay for any required materials not covered by tuition.

The student agrees to pay for any loss or damage incurred to any instrument, accessory or music loaned by the teacher to the student.

Practicing - There are no practice requirements for adult students. Guidelines are given, but you must decide what is reasonable for your situation, considering such things as the hours you work, any other extra-curricular or family commitments, and your musical goals. However, even if you have had no time at all to practice in any given week, it is still important to attend the lesson. Quantity of practice has no bearing on the amount of material that can be learned during the lesson. It is only your rate of progress that will be affected by lack of practice.

Contact:

Email or text are the best and preferred ways to reach me. I check my email several times a day. Calls during lessons go to voicemail. I am usually unable to talk before/after lessons, since there are other lessons scheduled at those times. Students are welcome to send emails or text messages during the week if they have questions regarding their repertoire or other matters.

Media Release:

With permission, photos of students and/or video and audio recordings of student projects and performances may be posted online and used by the instructor for promotional and workshop materials. The studio follows online safety rules in this matter. See registration form for details.

Discontinuing Lessons: Every student stops taking lessons at some point. Ideally, this decision is made with plenty of thought, and discussion between the teacher and student so that lessons can cease with a positive sense of closure. Play Out Loud Music Studio respects the student's right to end lessons at any time, however, there will be no refund for any remaining paid lessons. Play Out Loud Music Studio retains the right to terminate lessons for lack of payment.

Play Out Loud Music Studio is released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that may incur from the enrolled student with the participation of piano lessons, musicianship classes, piano parties or piano events.