PRIVATE LESSON INFORMATION

BM in Music majors register for 60-minute lessons (2 credits) in their major performing area each semester and 30-minute lessons (1 credit) in their minor performing area (minor private lessons are optional). With permission, students may register for 3 credits during the preparation of a junior or senior recital. B.A. in Music and B.S. in Music in Worship majors register for 30-minute lessons (1 credit) in their major performing area each semester.

Applied instruction is an integral part of the overall program for each student. Adequate practice time needs to be scheduled to assure progress in both the major and minor areas.

It is the responsibility of the student to purchase any and all music scores required by the instructor as soon as they are assigned.

Students are expected to adhere to their scheduled time for private lessons.

Attendance at all private lessons is mandatory and absolutely no unexcused absences will be accepted. The School of Music accepts excused absences as detailed in the Nyack College Student handbook.

The private lesson instructors assign semester grades that reflect the student’s progress and performance. The following policies will help in planning for your lessons each semester:

• If students miss lessons for any reason without notifying the teacher 24 hours in advance, the lesson is not made up. Teachers may assign a zero grade for lesson cuts.

• The student and teacher should establish the method for communicating with each other (e-mail, phone, campus mail) at the first lesson each semester. Students are solely responsible for responding to their teacher's communications.

• If students or teachers miss lessons due to illness, required field trips, or professional commitments, it is up to the teacher to schedule makeup lessons. Students must supply the correct documentation for an absence to be excused.

• Students need to complete 12 lessons per semester or 11 lessons and 1 master class in order to receive credit for private lessons.

• “Left over” make up lessons may be scheduled during final exam week when necessary.