



# Applied Lesson Policy

## Effective Spring Semester, 2006

Richland College offers applied music lessons in all string, woodwind, brass, percussion, and keyboard instruments as well as classical voice as part of its overall music program. Private music lessons help to foster students' musical development through directed individual study in tandem with participation in ensembles. Lessons at Richland are intended for experienced musicians only. Beginner musicians can enroll in either Guitar 1 (MUSI 1192), Piano 1 (MUSI 1181), or Voice Class (MUSI 1183).

- **1-hour lessons (2 cr. hr.):**

Students majoring in music should be enrolled in a 2000-level MUAP course on their applied instrument or voice. Students enrolled in any 2000-level MUAP course (2 cr. hr) at Richland must also be enrolled in each of the following three categories of courses at Richland:

- I. Any 3 cr. hr. minimum academic music course (such as MUSI 1300/1304 Foundations, MUSI 1311/1312/2311/2312 Music Theory, MUSI 1308/1309 Music Lit, MUSI 1390/1391 Digital Music, MUSI 1386 Composition),
- II. Any MUEN ensemble course (voice students must be enrolled in one of the three choral ensembles)
- III. MUSI 9176 Recital.

Students enrolled in 2 cr. hr. lessons must perform a 10-minute long jury at the end of the semester which accounts for 30% of the final grade for their lessons. The amount of practice time needed to assure success in lessons will vary from student to student, but a commitment of 1-3 hours per day should suffice for most music majors at Richland College.

- **1/2-hour lessons (1 cr. hr.):**

Lessons are also available for avocational musicians (students not majoring in music) who wish to further their musical abilities. Instrumentalists are eligible to take one 1000-level MUAP course (1 cr. hr.) at Richland if they are enrolled in *any* MUEN course at Richland. Vocalists can enroll in 1 cr. hr. voice lessons if they are enrolled in any of Richland's choral ensembles *and* MUSI 1184 Studio Class (see below). Students enrolled in 1 cr. hr. lessons must perform a 5-minute long jury at the end of the semester which accounts for 30% of the final grade for their lessons. The amount of practice time needed to assure success in 1 cr. hr. lessons will vary from student to student, but a commitment of 7-10 hours per week should suffice for most students.

- **Applied Voice:**

Students enrolled in MUAP 1181 and MUAP 2281 are required to enroll in MUSI 1184 Voice Class (1 cr. hr.). Students enrolled in MUAP 2281 are required to enroll in a Diction course each semester. Students enrolled in MUAP 1181 are encouraged but not required to enroll in a Diction course.

- **Lessons on a secondary instrument or voice:**

Music majors at Richland College enrolled in a 2 cr. hr. applied lesson also have the option to enroll in *one* additional 1000-level applied lesson on a secondary instrument or voice. Students wishing to do this should obtain permission from either the Director of Instrumental Music, the Director of Choral Music or the Dean of Humanities.

- **Failure to enroll in co-requisite courses:**

Students who enroll in applied lessons without enrolling in the mandatory co-requisite course(s) will be dropped from the applied lesson course prior to the first day of classes. The music faculty will make every effort to inform these students of their situation prior to them being dropped.

If a student drops all mandatory co-requisite courses during the semester, they will be required to drop the applied lesson course as well.

- **Petitioning for exception:**

There are rare and unique circumstances when a student may not be able to enroll in all of the mandatory co-requisite courses to qualify to enroll for applied music lessons. It is the responsibility of the student to petition either the Director of Instrumental Music, the Director of Choral Music or the Dean of Humanities for exception to this rule.

Exceptions are evaluated on a case by case basis.