

Vera Kong Piano Studio

Tuition and Policy

Tuition	Fall 2024 8/19/24-11/03/24	Winter 2024 11/04/24-2/23/25	Spring 2025 2/24/25-5/25/25	Summer 2025 5/26/25-8/17/25
(1) 30 minutes/ wk: \$70/lesson	\$770 (11 lessons)	\$770 (11 lessons)	\$770 (11 lessons)	\$630 (9 lessons)
(1) 45 minutes/ wk: \$105/lesson	\$1155 (11 lessons)	\$1155 (11 lessons)	\$1155 (11 lessons)	\$945 (9 lessons)
Studio Closures	No Break	1. Thanksgiving Break: 11/18/24-12/01/24 (Two weeks) 2. Winter Break: 12/16/24-1/05/25 (Three weeks)	Spring Break: 3/17/25-3/30/25 (Two weeks)	3 weeks at a mutually convenient time
Tuition Due	8/18/24	11/03/24	2/23/25	5/25/25

Location	August- May	June - August
Vera	Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93108	Location near Santa Barbara Bowl
Mi-Young	Option 1: Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93108 Option 2: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 909 N La Cumbre Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93110	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 909 N La Cumbre Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Lesson Schedule

You are guaranteed to receive 42 lessons per year, distributed as 11 lessons each in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, and 9 lessons in the summer quarter. Private individual lessons are conducted weekly for either 30 or 45 minutes, depending on the assessed level and development of the student. The lesson length remains the same regardless of late arrival. Instructors are not obligated to wait longer than 15 minutes for late students. Each student is designated a specific, ongoing weekly day and time for lessons, which is reserved exclusively for them, precluding the studio from accepting other teaching or performing opportunities during that time. Therefore, students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons unless otherwise arranged with the studio.

Tuition

Tuition should be mailed to 743 E Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103, or brought to the studio. Please make checks payable to Seungah Seo. Tuition received after the due date will incur a \$20 late fee. A \$30 fee will be charged for checks rejected for non-sufficient funds. If a student discontinues prior to the end of the term, an early withdrawal fee of \$150 will be deducted from the remaining lesson balance. Discontinuation is effective on the date the student notifies the instructor.

Studio Closures

Lessons are provided throughout the entire calendar year, except during studio closures. Tuition is not charged for lessons not taken due to studio closures.

Cancelled Lessons

Lessons canceled or missed by the student will not be refunded, credited, or provided with a make-up lesson, regardless of whether the cancellation was anticipated or unanticipated. Exceptions may be made at the exclusive permission of the studio. Lessons canceled by the teacher, except for scheduled studio closures or holidays, will be provided with a make-up lesson at a mutually convenient time, refunded, or credited. If a student misses the appointed make-up lesson, the make-up is forfeited.

Studio Expectations

- Treat the studio teacher, other students, and studio property respectfully.
- Bring required lesson materials and books to each lesson.
- Complete practice and written assignments, logging all practice minutes daily.

Minimum practice times required each day (at least five days each week):

- Beginning (Prep): 20-30 minutes
- Elementary (Levels 1-2): 30 minutes
- Intermediate (Levels 3-5): 45 minutes
- Advanced (Levels 6-up): 60 minutes

The studio will provide verbal or written warnings for breaches in studio expectations. Students have the opportunity to correct or rectify such breaches. Repeated or frequent breaches may result in termination of lessons.

Termination of Lessons

Lessons are continuous and ongoing, effective as of the date of this studio policy and agreement. Students may terminate lessons for any reason. The studio may also terminate lessons at its sole discretion. If the studio terminates lessons, tuition will be pro-rated up to the last lesson taken and a refund provided, if applicable.

Parents or Siblings at Lessons

Parents are welcome to attend and quietly observe the lesson in the waiting area provided by the studio. If a parent's presence is disruptive to the student's concentration and efforts, the parent may be asked to wait outside until the end of the lesson. Due to space limitations and to ensure a focused environment, non-student siblings, grandparents, caregivers, and other persons cannot stay during the lesson. Siblings who are students and awaiting or have finished their own lesson may stay during their sibling's lesson.

Waiver of Liability; Indemnification

PARENT AND STUDENT HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE STUDIO, ITS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES ("RELEASEES") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN STUDIO ON-SITE OR OFF-SITE LESSONS, EVENTS, OR ACTIVITIES ("STUDIO PROGRAMS"), WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT OR TORT. PARENT AND STUDENT AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, LIABILITIES, OR DAMAGES AGAINST THE STUDIO ARISING OUT OF STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN STUDIO PROGRAMS.

Media Consent

Parent and/or student consent to and authorize the studio to capture and use video/audio recordings and photographic images of the student and the student's musical performances and quoted statements in print, electronic, or online media for educational and studio promotional purposes only, without compensation. Parent and/or student agree to waive and release any and all claims against the studio relating to the use of these recordings, images, or statements. This consent is binding upon all heirs and future legal representatives. The studio will not personally identify a minor child by full name in connection with a video recording or photographic image of the child, unless separate written signed consent from the parent is provided.