

Vera Kong Piano Studio

STUDIO POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULE

1. Location

September - May	June - August
Music Academy of the West, Claeysens Hall, Studio No. 12 1070 Fairway Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93108	TBA

2. Lesson Schedule. You are guaranteed to receive 42 lessons per year or 11 lessons in each of fall, winter, and spring quarters, and 9 in summer quarter. Private individual lessons are conducted on a weekly basis, for either 30 minutes or 45 minutes depending on the assessed level and development of the Student. The length of the lesson remains the same, regardless of tardy arrival by Student. 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 has been reserved exclusively for Student, which generally precludes 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.

	Fall 2023	Winter 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Period	8/28/23-11/12/23	11/27/23-2/25/24	2/26/24-5/26/24	5/27-8/25/24
Number of Lessons	11	11	11	9
Studio Closures	No Break	1. Thanksgiving Break: 11/13-26 2. Winter Break: 12/18-12/31	Spring Break: 3/18-3/31	4 weeks at a mutually convenient time
Tuition Due	8/21/23-8/27/23	11/20/23-11/26/23	2/19/24-2/25/24	5/20/24-5/26/24

3. Studio Closures. Lessons are provided throughout the entire calendar year, except for during Studio Closures. Tuition is not charged for lessons that are not taken due to Studio Closures.

4. Tuition. Tuition should be mailed to 743 E Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103 or bring it to the studio. Please make your check payable to Seungah Seo. Tuition received after the due date will be considered late and 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 withdraw fee of \$150 will be deducted from the remaining lesson balance. Discontinuation is effective on the date that a student notifies the instructor.

Tuition	Fall 2023	Winter 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
(1) 30 minutes/ wk: \$70/lesson	\$770	\$770	\$770	\$630
(1) 45 minutes/ wk: \$105/lesson	\$1155	\$1155	\$1155	\$945

5. Cancelled Lessons. Lessons cancelled or missed by Student will not be refunded, credited, or provided with a make-up lesson, whether such cancellation was anticipated or unanticipated. Rare exception may be made at the exclusive permission of the Studio. Lessons cancelled by the Teacher for any reason other than scheduled Studio closures or holidays, will be provided a make-up lesson at a mutually convenient time, refunded or credited. If a student misses the appointed make-up lesson, then the make-up is forfeited.

6. Termination of Lessons. Lessons are continuous and ongoing, effective as of the date of this Studio Policy and Agreement written above. Student may terminate lessons for any reason. Studio may also terminate lessons for any reason, at the sole discretion of Studio. If Studio terminates lessons, tuition will be pro-rated up to the last lesson taken and a refund provided, if applicable.

7. Studio Expectations. Students are expected to: Treat the Studio teacher, other students, and Studio property respectfully. Bring required lesson materials and books to each lesson. Complete practice and written assignments. An assignment is complete when all practice minutes have been logged in daily.

Minimum Amount of Practice Time Required Each Day (at Least Five Days Each Week):
 Beginning (Prep) 20-30 mins, Elementary (Levels 1-2) 30 mins, Intermediate (Levels 3-5) 45 mins, Advanced (Levels 6-up) 60 mins . The Studio will provide Student with verbal or written warnings of breaches in Studio Expectations, and Student has the opportunity to correct or rectify such breaches. Repeated or frequent breaches may result in termination of lessons.

8. Parents or Siblings at Lessons. Parents are welcome to attend and quietly observe the lesson in the waiting area provided by Studio. However, if a parent’s presence is disruptive to the concentration and efforts of Student, the parent may be asked to kindly wait outside until the end of the lesson. Due to physical space limitations and to ensure a focused environment for the Student, non-student siblings, grandparents, caregivers, and other persons cannot stay during the

lesson. Siblings who are students and are awaiting or finished their own lesson may stay during their sibling's lesson.

9. Waiver of Liability; Indemnification. PARENT AND STUDENT HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE 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 STUDIO ARISING OUT OF STUDENT’S PARTICIPATION IN STUDIO PROGRAMS.

10. Media Consent. Parent and/or Student hereby consents to and authorizes the Studio to capture and use video-audio recordings and photographic images of Student and Student’s musical performances and quoted statements in print, electronic, or online media, for educational and Studio promotional purposes only, without any compensation to Parent or Student. Parent and/or Student agrees to waive and release any and all claims Parent may have against Studio relating to the use of these recordings, images, or statements. This Consent is binding upon all heirs and future legal representatives. Studio will not personally identify a minor child by full name in connection with a video recording or photographic image of the child, unless Studio receives separate written signed consent from the Parent.