

# Lessons, Juries, Recitals

## Lessons

The relationship between you and your studio teacher is crucial. Music majors are carefully matched with studio teachers. Ordinarily the student and the teacher will work together throughout the student's residence in the School of Music.

### Change of Teacher

To change your studio teacher, you must receive the permission of your present studio teacher, your proposed new studio teacher, and the School Head. A space must be available on your proposed new studio teacher's roster. Before formally requesting a change in studio, students must discuss their concerns with their present studio teacher. Failure to do so may jeopardize the student's request for a studio change. The order of the procedure is as follows:

Each step below must be completed by a signature obtained above before the next step in the process.

- a. Discuss your request with the School Head or the Director of Student Services, if the change will be between school years. Requests for change between the semesters of a school year, especially during the freshman school year, may only be approved on the basis of individual emergency circumstances.
- b. Discuss your request with your present studio teacher.
- c. \*Discuss your request with your proposed new studio teacher.
- d. Submit this petition to the School Head. A request for a change of studio teacher for the following fall semester is finalized after the end of the preceding spring semester; it may not be possible to honor a request which is submitted later than May.

*\*Voice Majors: It is considered unethical to study voice with more than one teacher concurrently. For this reason, voice students wishing to change studios MUST NOT approach other teachers for sample lessons.*

### Missed Lessons

You are entitled to 14 private lessons per semester. The faculty are responsible for rescheduling any lessons they must cancel, for whatever reason. Whenever possible, they will also attempt to make up lessons missed by a student, but only when there are legitimate reasons for these absences. Lessons missed by a student without notifying the teacher prior to the scheduled time or without a legitimate excuse will not be made up.

### Studio Performance/Composition Classes

Studio classes are scheduled in many of the performance areas and in composition. Most of these classes are open to any music majors who wish to observe. A list of the

studio classes being offered during a specific semester can be found in the schedule of classes for that semester.

These studio classes are considered an integral part of the studio training. They are not offered for credit, but you are required to attend and participate fully in all applicable classes and you will receive a grade. Studio class requirements and grading procedures are established by the faculty in charge of the class.