

# **fulton** CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

## **Student Policies 2024-2025**

### **Fulton Conservatory of Music**

The Fulton Conservatory of Music offers a boutique music education experience for students seeking a tailored, individualized program of study. FCon was formed to expand the unique philosophy and goals of FSMA to a year-round setting. Students studying with FCon-affiliated teachers will have access to:

- Individual instrument study
- Daily journaling
- Regular studio classes
- Juries
- Masterclasses
- Local performance opportunities
- Optional chamber music (additional coaching fee)

### **Lessons**

The academic year is divided into the Fall Semester (18 weeks), Spring Semester (18 weeks) and Summer Session (minimum 9 lessons). FCon will facilitate lesson scheduling between students and teachers. The minimum length of lesson time will be dependent on the student's age and level and should be discussed with your teacher. The below are guidelines:

- Suzuki Book 1-2: 45 minutes
- Suzuki Book 2-3: 60 minutes
- Suzuki Book 4-6: 90 minutes
- Suzuki Book 6, or high school, and above: 120 minutes

Professional and pre-professional one-off coachings and partial-semester lessons are also available at each teacher's discretion. Please note that their lesson rate for one-off or partial-semester lessons may be higher than for full-semester FCon students, and the full FCon offerings may not be available.

## **Billing**

Lessons are billed on a semester/session basis. Each teacher sets their own lesson rates. Invoices will be emailed to students by FCon, and students will pay their teacher directly. Payment in full will be due to the teacher by the date listed on the invoice, which will be no less than 1 week from the date the invoice is issued. If a student's payment is late, a late fee of \$450 will be assessed, payable to Fulton. No lessons will be given until payment is received in full, including any applicable late fees. There is also a yearly \$65 registration fee payable to Fulton at the time of registration. All lesson fees, late fees, and registration fees are nonrefundable.

## **Make-Up Lessons**

If a teacher misses a lesson, a make-up lesson will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time as soon as possible. Teachers may elect to give online lessons if their schedule requires. Students may reschedule one lesson per academic year if at least four weeks' notice is given. Students may not reschedule summer lessons, since those schedules are highly customized. If a student is late to a lesson, that time will not be made up. If a student misses a lesson, that lesson will not be made up.

## **Expectations**

Students (and parents) are expected:

- to be musically prepared for lessons
- to bring all necessary music and equipment to lessons
- to be on time for lessons and classes
- to participate in journaling, studio classes, masterclasses, and other FCon offerings
- to consult their teacher before making any instrument purchases, taking lessons with other teachers, or participating in any other musical endeavors
- to follow their teacher's recommendations for playing with piano
- to comply with any masking requirements or transition to online lessons in time of illness
- to behave in a manner conducive to productive musical instruction

If a student is unprepared for a lesson or forgets any music, the teacher may dismiss the student with no makeup or refund. If a student repeatedly violates any of the above expectations, the student may be dismissed from the Fulton Conservatory of Music with no refund.

**Please note that these policies are subject to change.**