

Piano & Music Theory Lesson with Hadi Sumoro

General Guidelines and Policy – effective 2018

Private Lessons

Lessons are typically given weekly in 30 - 90 minute lengths. Bi-weekly or monthly lessons are available for non-beginners. For adult beginners (>14 years old), two books are used:

1. John Thompson's Modern Course for the Piano: First Grade Book
2. Alfred's All-In-One Course: Lesson-Theory-Technic: Level 1

For beginner students between 8-14 years old, specific piano books will be determined after the initial interview. For younger beginner students (<8 years old), preparatory level piano books will be used.

The piano and music theory lessons are only offered as private one-on-one classes.

Practice Time

Students should aim for at least 3 days of practice each week (approx. 30 min. each). A minimum of 2 hours exposure to piano playing (including lesson time) in a week is mandatory. For a better and faster progress, 5+ hours exposure to piano playing (including lesson time) in a week is highly recommended.

Attendance

Assuming a student is taking a weekly piano lesson, he or she is expected to fulfill approximately 36-45 lessons in a year or a minimum 3 lessons in a month. I recommend that a make-up lessons should be taken place for any lessons that have been missed.

Equipment

Each student must have an acoustic piano or at least a digital piano/keyboard for practice. I prefer that the students change all piano book's binding with plastic comb/coil binding for easier handling.

Tuition

Tuition covers not only the actual lesson time, but also the preparation time for each student. Tuition can be paid at each lesson or on a monthly basis. Cash, check or paypal (including credit cards) payment are accepted. If the lessons are booked via online services such as takelesson.com, wyzant.com, etc, the payment handling can be left via their services (most likely using credit card).

For in-home lesson at student's location, a fixed mileage rate will be added to the tuition (approx. \$5 - \$10).

Tuition rate is a fixed rate for a certain level. When students reach a more advanced level (typically beyond 2 years of continuous piano lesson), tuition may increase to keep up with customized material preparations and time preparation. Each student is responsible for books and sheet music.

Cancellation Policy

Please contact Hadi Sumoro (see foot notes for contact info) at least 2 hours prior to the lesson time for cancellation. Make up lesson can be scheduled at any time.

Holidays – depending on the availability, piano lesson can be done in holidays.

Summer months/longer vacation time – please inform at least one week in advance for any scheduled holiday/vacation.

Termination of Lessons

A student and/or parent can terminate lessons at any given time during the year.

Hadi Sumoro will terminate a student with the following reasons:

1. [Weekly schedule] Failure to maintain a minimum 3 lessons in a month for 2-3 times in a year.
2. [Slow progress] Lack of practice, less than 2 hours exposure of piano playing in a week for 1-2 months.

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