

Piano & Music Theory Lesson with Hadi Sumoro

General Guidelines and Policy – effective 2021

Private Lessons

Lessons are typically given weekly in 30 - 90 minute lengths. Online, bi-weekly, or monthly lessons are available for non-beginners only. The piano and music theory lessons are only offered as private one-on-one classes.

For beginner students between 8-14 years old, specific piano books will be determined after the initial interview.

For young beginner students (<8 years old), preparatory level piano books will be used.

I follow John Thompson and Alfred piano curriculum. Chord playing material will be given when student is ready.

Practice Time

Students should aim for at least 3 days of practice each week (approx. 30 min. each).

A minimum of 2-3 hours weekly exposure to piano playing (including lesson time) is mandatory.

Attendance

Assuming a student is taking a weekly piano lesson, s/he is expected to fulfill approximately 36-45 lessons in a year (equivalent to no less than 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 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 teaching preparation time. Tuition can be paid at each lesson or on a specific period. Cash, check, paypal (including credit cards), venmo, cash app or zelle bank transfer payment are accepted. If the lessons are booked via online services such as takelesson.com, wyzant.com, etc, the payment handling will follow their platforms (most likely using credit card).

For in-home lesson at the student's location, a fixed mileage rate will be added (approx. \$5 - \$10). Multiple-kid discount (approx. 10% off) can be awarded for a family with three or more kids.

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

Cancellation Policy

- ✓ Please contact Hadi Sumoro (see foot notes for contact info) at least 2 hours prior to the lesson time for cancellation, except for a true emergency. Make up lesson can be scheduled at any time.
Important Note: If the notification is received less than 2 hours prior to the lesson time and make up lesson cannot be conveniently scheduled for that week, student will be responsible to pay 75% of the missing lesson tuition.
- ✓ Holidays – depending on the availability, piano lesson can be done on holidays.
- ✓ Summer months/longer vacation time – please inform at least one week in advance for any scheduled holiday/vacation.
- ✓ If a piano lesson duration needs to be shortened (ie. 45 min. to 30 min.), please let me know at least 2 hours prior to the lesson.
Important Note: Do not inform this at the start of the lesson. If this is the case, a full duration lesson fee is expected.

Termination of Lessons

A student and/or legal guardian can terminate lessons at any time.

Hadi Sumoro can terminate a student with the following reasons (advanced warnings will be given):

- ✓ [Weekly schedule] Failure to maintain consistent weekly meetings. See the attendance policy above.
- ✓ [Slow progress] Lack of practice, less than 2 hours exposure of piano playing in a week for >3 months.

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