



Preparatory Music

EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

Instrumental Lessons 2020-21 Information and Policies

Register online at www.emu.edu/musiclessons • 540-432-4277

Weekly private lessons are offered by Eastern Mennonite University preparatory music instructors who are specialists on their particular instrument. Lessons are available to students of every level and age (3 years to adult) in the following instruments:

Suzuki method: piano, violin, viola, cello

Other instruments: piano, flute, clarinet, guitar, music theory, violin, viola, cello, and double bass

There are two 15-week semesters per year; summer lessons are flexible. **Note:** registered students are financially committed to one semester of lessons.

Suzuki Strings Package

The Suzuki method philosophy of teaching is modeled on the way children learn to speak their native language. The ideas of parent involvement, listening and repetition, loving encouragement, and learning together with other children are some of the special features of this approach.

Our Suzuki strings package combines weekly private instruction with 7 group lessons per semester. Group lessons are unique to the Suzuki approach, integral to the method, and arranged according to age and ability level. A tentative group lesson schedule can be obtained from the office.

All non-adult students in Suzuki Violin Book 1 – early Book 5, and Suzuki Cello Books 1 – 2 are enrolled in the Suzuki strings package.

Suzuki Pre-Twinkle violin classes are designed for students ages 3-5 (pre-school). These group lessons are held for 14 weeks each semester, time and day are arranged after registration. Tuition is \$225/semester, with an additional program fee of \$25. Real instruments are not needed for several months.

Instructors

Student placement is determined by the student's and the instructor's schedules. Students may choose 30-, 45-, or 60-minute lessons at the discretion of the instructor. Current instructor listings, studio information, and bios are available at emu.edu/prep-instructors

Program Fees & Tuition

A **deposit of \$180 per student per instrument** is due with registration. This includes a \$35 per semester family program fee, which covers all program costs such as administration, office assistance and supplies, as well as student recital and accompaniment costs. The rest of the deposit serves as the first tuition payment of the semester.

You will be billed for the remaining tuition balance by the EMU Business Office. The remaining tuition balance will be due in October (fall) and March (spring).

Note: Students are financially committed to the 15-week semester of lessons, regardless of their participation.

Payment Schedule

August 6: \$180 deposit due
October 31: remaining balance due*
January 4: \$180 deposit due
March 31: remaining balance due*

* Tuition balance payments not received by the due date will receive a finance charge of 1.5% per month (18% APR).

If you feel you need a different payment schedule, please contact our administrative director, Kimberly Souther (540-432-4277).

Payment Options: Cash or personal check payable to "EMU". Payments may be made online or by phone to the EMU Business Office for an additional fee.

2020-21 Tuition Rates

The family program fee of \$35 is in addition to the following semester tuition fees.

Pre-Twinkle \$225

Suzuki Strings (15-week semester)

Intern	\$334	30-min
Instructor	\$409	30-min
	\$581.5	45-min
EMU Faculty	\$484	30-min
	\$694	45-min

Other Instruments (15-week semester)

Intern	\$270	30-min
Instructor	\$345	30-min
	\$517.5	45-min
	\$690	60-min
EMU Faculty	\$420	30-min
	\$630	45-min
	\$840	60-min

Note: Fees are higher for instructors with special arrangement.

Registration Deadlines

Fall semester: August 6, 2020

Spring semester: January 4, 2021

Returning students who miss the deadline will be charged an additional \$15 late fee, and may lose the lesson spot with their teacher.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships up to 40% of tuition are available on a semester basis for families with annual incomes under \$40,000 or who qualify for the school lunch program. Please call 432-4277 for an application which must be received by **August 6** for the fall semester and **December 4** for the spring semester to be considered.

Make-up Lesson Policy

One make-up lesson per semester will be given only when 24-hour notice is received or if sudden extreme weather conditions occur. Make-up lessons will not be given for any other reason except teacher absence. You are contracting for the teacher's lesson time for the entire semester. Please use your teacher's swap list for lesson conflicts. Be sure to double check your group lesson schedule and write it on your calendar at home. These cannot be made up and are very important.

Swap List

Each teacher is encouraged to publish a schedule of lessons with family contact information so that if a student has a conflict, the student can ask if another family can exchange lesson times.

Weather Cancellations

If bad weather arises and you cannot come to the lesson contact your teacher directly. Your teacher will be expecting you unless you call.

Instruments

- Parents should consult with their instructor before purchasing or renting an instrument.
- String instruments can be purchased or rented from Tiller Strings in Harrisonburg, Va., (website: www.tillerstrings.com)
- Call 540-432-4277 for a list of used instruments.
- Piano students need to have an acoustic or full-size digital piano at home for practice.

Parent and Student Orientation Meeting

Before each semester, all new and interested families (parents and students) must attend the required orientation meeting with the program director and teachers. Contact the office for more information.

Fall: Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7-8 pm

Spring: Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7-8 pm

Announcements

- A monthly newsletter will be emailed with announcements and helpful information regarding your participation in the SVPM program.
- Information will also be posted on bulletin boards in the Music Annex and in Lehman.
- Visit www.emu.edu/musiclessons for program updates, registration information, and upcoming events.

Lesson Locations

Private and group lessons will be held either physically distanced, online, or a combination of both.

The health and safety of our students and instructors is our top priority as we continue following EMU's recommended COVID-19 adaptations.

We will work to keep every student engaged in learning and excited about music wherever they are!

Physically distanced lessons are held at EMU's Lehman Auditorium or in the Prep Music Annex (on the corner of S. College and Mt. Clinton Pike).

Lesson Procedures

- Arrive for private and group lessons five minutes early.
- Bring a notepad and pencil to every lesson, along with your music and instrument.
- Suzuki method lessons are designed to engage the parent and student together in the learning process.

Contact Us

SVPM is located on the campus of Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Preparatory Music Office is located on the lower level of Lehman Auditorium. Please call or visit our website for office hours.

Preparatory Music Office
540-432-4277, prepmusic@emu.edu

Kimberly Souther, program director
540-432-4227

EMU Business Office
540-432-4575

Additional Preparatory Music Offerings

See emu.edu/prepmusic for details.

- Junior Strings (intermediate players by teacher recommendation), Thursday at 6-7 p.m.
- Shenandoah Valley Youth Symphony (advanced players by audition), Sunday afternoons
- Musikgarten classes (birth through age 7)
- Suzuki violin/viola/cello teacher training (contact Sharon Miller)

2020-21 Instrumental Lessons Calendar Year

Fall semester registration deadline: August 6

Fall semester: August 24 - December 11

Fall recitals: November 6 - 8

Thanksgiving break: November 23 - 27

Semester break: December 14 - January 17

Spring semester registration deadline: January 4

Spring semester: January 18 - May 7

Teen coffeehouse: February 14

Spring recitals: March 26 - 28

Suzuki Strings group concert: May 9, 5:00 pm



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Registration Form
Instrumental Music Instruction

Registration Deadlines

Fall semester: August 6, 2020
Spring semester: January 4, 2021

Name of parent, guardian or adult student
Address
Primary email
Phone
City
State
Zip
Work Phone

Student's name
School
Instructor requested
Date of birth
Instrument
Length of lesson

Student's name
School
Instructor requested
Date of birth
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Pre-Twinkle Violin

Due to Covid-19 adaptations, lessons may be held physically distanced and/or online.
Please contact 540-432-4277 if you do not have the necessary equipment for online lessons (good Internet, device for video calling).

Days / Times available for lessons

Days / Times NOT available

I authorize SVPM to use photos of my child on: EMU website and promotional materials social media

Please read the following, fill out completely, enclose your \$180/student/instrument deposit with this form and mail to:
SVPM, Eastern Mennonite University, 1200 Park Rd., Harrisonburg VA 22802. Checks should be made payable to EMU.

Please check each of the following commitments:

- I understand the registration procedures and all program policies, including the make-up lesson policy.
I understand that my financial commitment is for the entire semester regardless of my participation. There is a \$10 withdrawal fee prior to the first lesson; no refunds may be given after the first lesson. The balance of my account will be paid by October 31 (fall) or March 31 (spring). A finance charge of 1.5% per month will be assessed on overdue balances by the business office at the end of each month.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$ (\$180 / student / instrument).

Signature Date

Note: Returning students who miss the August 6 and January 4 deadlines will be charged an additional \$15 late registration fee. You will be notified after August 13 and January 12 about private and group lesson times. If there are no openings, new students will be given the option to be put on a waiting list until there is an opening. If you do not wish to be on the waiting list your deposit will be returned.

Online registration and payment is available at www.emu.edu/musiclessons. There is a \$6 convenience fee.