

Student Accompanist Policies

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Accompanists for degree recitals and juries/performances on your primary instrument:

- Work-study accompanists can be requested for a degree recital and events associated with a student's **primary** instrument/voice lessons. (Non-degree recitals or lessons for non-majors do not qualify.) Requests are due the first month of class.
- Accompanists should log hours on their timesheet for the time spent practicing with their soloists (up to 1 hour per week), plus up to 2 hours of time total (not weekly) per each soloist for music preparation that takes place.
- In addition, the **soloist** must pay a flat fee for each "event" they use the pianist. Fees are listed below and must be paid in advance by the student soloist.
- Soloists may need to hire a professional pianist for recitals if the difficulty is very high and an appropriate student-accompanist is not available. For many senior recitals, this is recommended.
- It is the responsibility of the pianist to be prepared to play the music at a high level. Pianists should work on music in advance to make sure they are ready in time.

Accompanists for non-degree recitals, secondary lessons, and non-music majors:

- Work-study accompanists are not to be used in these situations.
- Student soloists must acquire their own accompanist (either a student pianist or professional pianist in the community) and work out a fee with them directly.

Work-Study Accompanist Fees

These are flat fees per event, to be paid directly from the soloist to the accompanist **in advance** of the event taking place. Accompanists are not obligated to play for events if they have not been compensated.

\$50	Jury performance
\$30	Performance class
\$75-100 <i>Depends on difficulty of music</i>	Half-hour / joint recital (includes recital hearing, dress rehearsal, and performance)
\$150-200	Full / solo recital (includes recital hearing, dress rehearsal, and performance)

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\$30	Master class performance on campus (If local travel is required, additional fee of \$20 applies)