

PSC Accompanist Policy

Effective 8-09

In order to encourage performance by all students and to enhance applied music study at Peru State College, all students studying applied voice, woodwinds, brass, and percussion must have a piano accompanist as part of their lesson requirements. Every student should rehearse with this accompanist regularly, normally every week for at least 30 minutes. Peru State College provides a staff accompanist for your use, Mrs. Debra DeFrain. You may sign up for a regular practice with Mrs. DeFrain based on your schedule and her available times. You are encouraged to use Mrs. DeFrain as your regular piano accompanist. Your attendance at these practices with your accompanist is critical. Missed practices are not made up.

You may choose to use another piano accompanist; it is then your responsibility to obtain this accompanist, to pay them, and to rehearse with them on a regular basis. All accompanists must be approved by either your regular applied teacher or with Dr. Ediger. If you choose your own accompanist, you must complete a contract with the accompanist that is approved in writing with the accompanist and your applied teacher. Your applied teacher will tell you how to report your accompanying rehearsals and how this affects your final grade in the course.

Students preparing senior recitals are encouraged to use the PSC Staff Accompanist. Otherwise, you will need to obtain your own professional accompanist who must be approved by the music department. It will then be your responsibility to pay this accompanist.

It is expected that everyone studying applied music will be working toward performance on student recitals. Your accompanist must be available for student recitals and music jury exams at the end of the semester.

While your piano accompanist may occasionally help you with an incorrect note or wrong rhythm, it is not the responsibility of your piano accompanist to teach you your music. It is your job to be prepared to rehearse with the accompanist. Set a schedule with your piano accompanist and stick to it.

Student Recital dates are as follows:

Thursday, September 24, 2009	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 8, 2009	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2009	11:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 12, 2009	11:00 a.m.

Music Jury Final Exams will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009. The approximate times will be 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All times will be assigned and posted in advance.