

March 18, 2020

Hello TAMUK School of Music students,

Greetings from the music faculty and staff. We hope you are all doing well and staying safe.

We share this document to provide current information concerning music classes, concerts, events, etc... While this information is current today, it may change in the near future, so we ask that you be flexible regarding your studies. Just a reminder that the current week of March 16-20 is a second week of spring break, so no classes or activities are occurring this week. Beginning the week of March 23, classes and lessons will be delivered in a variety of formats including remote and/or online instruction. Please check with your instructors and Blackboard concerning your music classes and check with your applied teachers concerning lessons.

Classes/Lessons/Rehearsals:

1. Classes will be delivered in an online/remote format until further notice. Some classes will be delivered on the same day and time of the in-person classes and others will be more flexible – That information will be provided by your instructor.
2. All ensemble rehearsals and performances are suspended until further notice, unless you hear otherwise from the faculty member in charge of the ensemble.
3. Applied Music lessons will continue. Students will be contacted by their applied professors regarding the method and content of live and online applied lessons.
4. Formal Juries are cancelled for this semester. The final exam for applied lessons will be determined by your applied professor.
5. Instrumental and Secondary Methods courses will shift to online lecture-based courses augmented by videos and additional assignments as directed by the instructor of the course. School-owned methods instruments are not to leave the premises of the music building. If you have one in your possession, please return it to the school locker as soon as possible.
6. Piano Class faculty will be in touch to provide requirements to complete your classes.
7. All students registered for MUSI 1000, Recital Seminar, will receive credit for the spring 2020 semester. You do not need to submit any further slips or programs.

Performances/Events:

1. All public music performances and events in March and April are either cancelled or suspended.
2. All students who have a degree-required recital scheduled for this semester will be accommodated through a variety of means. Recitals performed on campus will be closed to the public, including family. Dates and times for scheduled recitals may change based upon accommodations. Applied Faculty and students will make these decisions.

Student Access to and Practice in the Music Building:

1. The Music Building will be open beginning Monday, March 23. The building will be open and available to students Monday through Friday, from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The building will not be open on the weekends.
2. Only the first-floor practice rooms and the piano major practice rooms will be open and available for student use. All other practice rooms will be locked.
3. Students are encouraged to practice social distancing when in the music building. Please maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between students. The University has not communicated the extent of their cleaning procedures, so please be responsible for yourself when in the building. You may bring cleaning supplies such as sanitizing wipes if you want to ensure a sanitized space. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. Do not use harsh chemicals or liquids on pianos or any other instruments or surfaces. You may only use Clorox wipes or hydrogen peroxide and a paper towel on piano keys. Do not use any wipes on the piano finish.

Miscellaneous Items:

1. Please be sure to check your student email accounts on a regular basis. This will be the official pathway to receive messages and updates from the university and faculty.
2. If you have music or non-essential instruments that need to be returned, please get in touch with the faculty member related to those items. Each ensemble and faculty member will also be reaching out to you about those items.
3. School Instruments: If you have a school-owned instrument checked out for your major area of use (lessons, practice, etc...), please continue to use that instrument through the end of the semester as usual.
4. Junior Standing Reviews have been postponed for this semester. We will reschedule them sometime in the fall semester.
5. All group TExES Music Practice Exams are postponed until further notice. The College of Education can administer individual practice tests on campus at their center. Please contact Mrs. DeLeon at Donna.Deleon@tamuk.edu.
6. We hope to have the Computer Lab open at a later date. We are waiting for procedural information from campus with regard to computer lab use.
7. Music Faculty plan to keep virtual office hours so that students can contact them with questions or seek assistance.
8. Advising: To Register for either the Fall or Summer semesters, all freshman and sophomore music students should schedule appointments with Ms. Priscilla Guerra through Starfish by selecting either "online/email" or "phone" advising. Be sure to provide your phone number if you select phone advising. If students have questions not directly related to course recommendations, please call or email Ms. Guerra directly. Her contact information is: Priscilla.guerra@tamuk.edu and 361-593-4243. All upperclassmen should be in contact with the major applied professor in your area.

9. Questions: Please send any questions to appropriate music faculty, staff, or myself. We will try to answer any and all questions the best that we can. My contact information is: paul.hageman@tamuk.edu and 361-593-2806.

Students, just know that we are all trying to help you through this unusual time and we want you to be successful and continue to have great experiences here at TAMUK. Our plans are not perfect and will require adjustments by all of us – students, faculty, and staff. But, if we all keep a positive attitude and work together, we feel sure that we can accomplish much during this difficult time.

Warmest Regards,

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