

GUIDE FOR CONSERVATORY MUSIC LESSONS: APPLICATION, SELECTION & ADMISSION 2021

The NWU School of Music offers practical music instruction through the Conservatory to anyone who is interested, from full-time registered non-music students, staff, school learners, adults and retirees. Previous experience is not required, although preference will be given to advanced learners.

New applicants must audition and/or do an aptitude test before admission can be considered. Applicants who have passed the audition and/or aptitude test, are provisionally accepted to the Conservatory for one year. Conservatory students may participate in the annual bursary competition, as well as student concerts, on approval by the lecturer.

Please read this guide carefully for full information on the requirements and procedures for application, selection and admission to conservatory study at the NWU School of Music.

1. Application for admission as Conservatory student

Visit the NWU School of Music website at < <http://nwumusic.co.za/conservatory-application/>> for full information and instructions to submit your online application.

The closing dates for applications are:

- For the 1st semester 2021 — **17 March 2021**
- For the 2nd semester 2021 — **29 July 2021**

2. Selection

2.1 Admission requirements

Previous experience is not required, although preference will be given to advanced learners.

2.2 Dates for selection / audition

As soon as your application has been received, a specific date for each student's selection / audition will be determined and confirmed with the student via phone or email. The specific audition requirements will be communicated by the lecturer.

The audition and/or aptitude test will take place at the NWU School of Music & Conservatory in Potchefstroom.

2.3 Accompaniment for practical auditions

Vocalists and instrumentalists must do their practical auditions with accompaniment (unless unaccompanied pieces are presented). If it is not possible to bring your own accompanist, we can refer you to local freelance accompanists that might be available. Please contact the receptionist (018 299-1692) in this regard.

3. Admission & Registration

After the selection process has been completed, all applications are considered on merit and availability of lecturers. Prospective students will be informed within 10 work days if they have been provisionally accepted for conservatory study.

Final admission can only be confirmed after the registration fee of R 880 has been paid.

4. Financial Rules

Conservatory fees are strictly managed according to the university's official policy on Fees Payable & Financial Rules that is available at <http://services.nwu.ac.za/student-finances-and-financial-related-systems>

Conservatory fees for registered NWU students will be added to your current student account.

If you are a registered bursary/NSFAS holder, permission must be granted by the bursary giver before final admission.

School of Music bursary awards and/or Culture and/or other internal bursary awards for registered BMus, BA (Music & Society), Diploma in Music or BA Hons in Music students will be used to cover Conservatory lesson fees and/or any other unpaid academic fees.

Please pay attention to the following important information:

FEES PAYABLE UPON CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF STUDIES

Should a student cancel his/her studies prior to 26 March for campus students and distance students, only the registration fee is payable. Should a student cancel his/her studies after 26 March for campus students and distance students, the full costs of the qualification programme and tuition for the first semester are payable.

Should a student cancel his/her studies for the second semester prior to 31 July, only 50% of the qualification programme cost and full tuition for the first semester are payable. Should a student cancel his/her studies after 31 July, the full qualification programme cost and tuition for the year are payable.

5. Preferred length of lessons

30 minutes per week for 30 weeksⁱ = R4 550/year + R 880 registration fee

60 minutes per week for 30 weeks = R8 870/year + R 880 registration fee

6. Access to NWU Conservatory facilities

No conservatory student will have an access student card or will receive a visitor's card to the NWU Conservatory, (building K1).

Access for lessons:

Conservatory students can obtain access through reception: Monday – Friday, 08:00 – 17:00. If lessons are booked after hours, the lecturer will give you access to the building.

Access and fees for practising facilities: Office hours only

NWU Conservatory facilities will be available in office hours only: Monday – Friday, 08:00 – 17:00

Fees for NWU Conservatory practising facilities:

Instrument	Description	Fees per year
Organ	Full-time registered music student	R2335
	Non-music students & staff members	R3790
	Other	R4460
Piano	Non-music students & staff members	R3225
	Other	R3730
Voice & Other Instruments	Non-music students & staff members	R3225
	Other	R3730

7. Contact information

For enquiries and further information, please contact **me. Christelle Engelbrecht – 018 299 4430** or christelle.engelbrecht@nwu.ac.za

8. Internet

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Website: humanities.nwu.ac.za/music

Blog: nwumusic.co.za/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NWU.Music

Twitter: www.twitter.com/nwumusic

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/NWUMusic

Instagram: www.instagram.com/nwumusic

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/groups/NWU-School-Music-Conservatory-4354935

ⁱ Amount subject to change according to school and university calendar adjustments