

VCU Department of Music

Student Evaluation of Applied Lesson Instruction

The purpose of this evaluation is to 1) provide information that will promote improvement in instruction and 2) aid the Department Chair and the Promotion and Tenure Committee in analyzing each faculty member's teaching effectiveness. A useful and valid document depends upon the student's thoughtful evaluation of the course and the instructor. Please be candid and detailed in your comments and evaluation.

Instructor: _____

Instrument Studied: _____

of Semesters of Study with this Instructor: _____

Major: _____

Anticipated Final Grade: _____

Semester: Year _____ Fall Spring Summer

Self Evaluation/Description

Please select the appropriate box.

A. Reason for taking lessons

- Course required for degree program
- Recommended elective by advisor
- Chosen as an elective
- Other: _____

B. Personal preparation for lessons

- Fully prepared
- Moderately prepared
- Inadequately prepared
- Never prepared

C. Lesson attendance

- Always prompt
- Occasionally late
- Often late
- Skipped lessons

D. Personal interest and involvement

- Highly interested
- Interested
- Somewhat interested
- Lacking interest

E. Current personal attitude

- Confident, feel I am maturing material/concepts
- Somewhat mastering material/concepts
- Need much more assistance
- Have made little or no progress

COMMENTS:

Instructor Evaluation

Please provide a rating on a scale of 1-5.

1 = Highest; 3 = Average; 5 = Lowest; NA = Not Applicable

- A. Are there mutually understood objectives for your applied lesson instruction?
 1. ___ Long range for the semester/academic year.
 2. ___ Immediate objectives for each lesson.
- B. ___ Are you taught how to set and achieve short- and long-term goals in practice and performance?
- C. ___ Does the instructor communicate ideas in a readily understandable manner?
- D. ___ Does the instructor recognize problems related to your level of achievement?
- E. ___ Is the instructor willing to work with you on these problems?
- F. ___ Does the instructor help you motivate yourself to practice?
- G. ___ Does the instructor help you develop independent interpretive decisions?
- H. ___ Does the instructor encourage development of your ability to justify (i.e. analyze and evaluate) your interpretive decisions?
- I. ___ Is the instructor able to demonstrate a desirable musical aim and how to achieve it?
- J. ___ Are you satisfied that your instructor has the requisite skill, knowledge and background to direct your growth in this performance area?
- K. ___ Is your instructor on time for lessons?
- L. ___ Does the instructor make effective use of lesson time?
- M. ___ Do you consider your lessons to be a worthwhile learning experience?
- N. ___ Is your instructor interested in your progress and performance?
- O. ___ Have you grown in your development as a musician since studying with this instructor?

A signature is required for this evaluation to be considered a valid document for Promotion and Tenure. Your instructor will not see the signed copy.

Signature

Date