

**Mississippi State University  
Department of Music**

**COLLABORATIVE PIANO (CP) POLICY GUIDELINES**

Lower Division Music Majors must fill out a Lower Division form on the semester they plan to perform their UDPE. All students who pass the UDPE must fill out an Upper Division Form on the semester following the examination. All collaborative pianist forms **must be submitted no later than 3 weeks into classes** for a collaborative pianist to be assigned to individual students.

Lower Division students will receive UP TO four 30-minute rehearsals and up to two performances per semester with an assigned CP. Those performances are usually during Recital Hour and a jury. Students performing their UDPE can receive an additional two 30-minute rehearsals during that semester as needed.

Upper Division students will receive UP TO six 30-minute rehearsals and up to two performances per semester with an assigned CP. Those performances are usually during Recital Hour and a jury.

### **JUNIOR (HALF) RECITAL**

Junior (Half) Recitals are not to occur during the last two weeks of classes of the semester. In addition, Junior Recitals must be performed after the UDPE is passed. Students who are performing a Junior Recital will receive UP TO six 30-minute rehearsals, a hearing, a recital run-through, and a recital performance with their assigned CP. Junior Recitals involving collaborative pianists must be paired. Individual junior recitals will not be permitted. Junior Recitals involving collaborative pianists must adhere to the recommended duration, 25-30 minutes of music. Special dispensation may be made for students who wish to perform additional repertoire that does not require a collaborative pianist. This must be approved by the applied teacher and collaborative pianist. At the recital hearing, the student may perform selected repertoire or the complete recital program, as outlined in the appendices by area.

### **SENIOR (FULL) RECITAL**

Senior (Full) Recitals are not to occur during the last two weeks of classes of the semester. In addition, Senior Recitals must be performed after the UDPE is passed and prior to the student teaching semester for BME students. Students who are performing a Senior Recital will receive UP TO six 30-minute rehearsals, a hearing, a recital run-through, and a recital performance with their assigned CP. Senior Recitals involving collaborative pianists must adhere to the recommended duration, 50-60 minutes of music. Special dispensation may be made for students who wish to perform additional repertoire that does not require a collaborative pianist. This must be approved by the applied teacher and collaborative pianist. At the recital hearing, the student may perform selected repertoire or the complete recital program, as outlined in the appendices by area.

### **PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSAL GUIDELINE**

- A two-week notice is mandatory for any performance.
- Only one rehearsal per week is issued. no shows/cancellations without advanced notice will not be tolerated and no make-up will be issued.
- It is possible to work in 15-minute rehearsal increments.
- CP request forms and recital forms must be on file.
- Students are required to maintain active communication with their collaborative pianist.