

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

MUSC 131, 132, 231, 232, 237: Applied Music: Primary Instrument I-V

I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Number and Title: MUSC 131, 132, 231, 232, 237: Applied Music:
Primary Instrument I-V

B. New or Modified Course: modified

C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Fall Year: 2025

D. Effective Term: Fall 2026

E. Sponsoring Department: Arts & Design (A&D)

F. Semester Credit Hours: 1

G. Weekly Contact Hours: 3 Lecture: 1 – lesson with private instructor
Laboratory: 0
Out of class student work per week: 2

H. Prerequisite (s): Approval required for MUSC 131 Applied I only by interview with Music department faculty before enrollment, as subsequently, each completed semester becomes the prerequisite for the next in the Applied sequence. Audition with an approved private instructor may also be required.

Corequisite (s):: None

I. Laboratory Fees: \$500 Applied Music Fee covers costs of private teacher

II. Catalog Description

Prerequisite: Approval required for MUSC 131 Applied I only by interview with Music department faculty before enrollment, as subsequently, each completed semester becomes the prerequisite for the next in the Applied sequence. Audition with an approved private instructor may also be required. This course sequence is designed primarily for the music major for advanced study or for those with adequate background.

This performance study is primarily intended to prepare the music major for a transfer program entrance audition and for advanced applied music study. Students will arrange with the applied instructor for a minimum of twelve weekly lessons during the semester. Repertory studied will vary according to the student's instrument or voice and performance level. Students are required to perform for a faculty jury at the conclusion of each semester and may be invited to perform in the Department's public music student

recitals. As maintenance of technical facility and both technical and artistic growth must be continued throughout a musician's career, Applied Music V is available for those students who take more than four semesters to graduate.

\$500 Applied Music Fee covers costs of private teacher Fees for the weekly lessons will be paid directly to the private instructor.

III. Statement of Course Need:

A. Private music lessons are a required part of all Bachelor programs for music majors at four-year schools, and performance auditions will be required for entrance and transfer to Arts and Education degrees. Students who complete our Associate of Fine Arts in Music degree will complete four semesters of Applied Music.

B. This course transfers to most Associate and Bachelor degrees in the Arts and Fine Arts as program requirement or an elective dependent upon the transfer institution.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

A. Free Elective

B. This course serves as a studio arts elective for AA Liberal Arts Majors

C. The course meets a program requirement for AFA Music

D. To see course transferability for New Jersey colleges and universities, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; for other colleges and universities, go to the college website.

V. Outline of Course Content:

A. Musical repertory and technical exercises will be assigned by the private teacher according to the level of the student and the particular instrument or voice.

B. Particular repertory and technical skills will be determined based on the intended transfer institution's audition requirements.

C. Students will prepare for their lessons with daily practice of the exercises and repertory pieces as assigned.

D. Appropriate exercises, studies and repertory will be selected for the end-of-semester jury.

E. Recital participation will be considered by audition.

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. study and perform solo repertory appropriate to their instrument or voice and skill level.
2. analyze musical and technical challenges in selected repertory and sustain appropriate practice methods.
3. identify major composers and repertory for their instrument.
4. apply stylistic practices to the interpretation and presentation of various styles. (GE 1, 6)
5. perform from memory with accuracy, technical fluency and stylistic musicality assigned repertory, ultimately appropriate for audition for a four-year music program. (GE 1,6)

B. Assessment Instruments:

1. weekly progress with new and old repertoire will be assessed at each lesson
2. recital performances
3. end-of-semester jury (with private instructor and at least 2 department faculty)

VII. Grade Determinants

- A. recommendation of the private instructor, based on weekly progress, attendance, completion of assigned music.
- B. evaluation of the jury committee, based on the objectives completed and the assessment of the jury performance, including somewhat subjective performance, technical, musically aesthetic and stylistic factors.

Formats, modes and methods that may be used for teaching and learning:

- A. individual instruction
- B. discussion/demonstration
- C. performance practice

VIII. Texts and Materials

Repertory will be selected according to the student's abilities, and supplied by the instructor or purchased by the student.

Students must provide their own instrument for lessons, practice and performance.

(Please note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

Materials:

Supplementary materials and/or repertory may be supplied by the instructor.

IX. Resources

Juries will be held in an acoustically appropriate performance space equipped with piano, music stands and playback stereo and video equipment.

X. Check One: Honors Course N/A