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GUITAR CRAFT ACADEMY

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2018-2019

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MUSICIANS INSTITUTE

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Musicians Institute campus consists of the following locations:

Main Building

South Entrance

1655 McCadden Place

North Entrance

6752 Hollywood Boulevard

Passage

6752 Hollywood Boulevard

Hawthorn Annex

1621 N McCadden Place

Highland Annex

1622 N Highland Avenue

Live House

1534 N Highland Avenue

Music Business Annex

1518 N Highland Avenue

Guitar Craft Academy

7070 Santa Monica Boulevard

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REGISTRATION

All students are required to register for classes prior to every quarter of enrollment. All registration procedures are coordinated through the Office of Registrar Services. The following rules apply to all students, whether new or returning:

- All tuition and fees are due and payable at registration (see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for more information about costs and payment options)
- Students will not be permitted to enter MI facilities until required tuition and fees have been paid
- Student registration will be closed at the close of business on Friday of the second week of classes

NEW STUDENTS

Permission to register for classes is granted to new students only if they have been fully and completely processed through the Admissions Office and have completed placement testing where applicable (see Academic Calendar section in the current Course Catalog for dates). Instructions and materials for registration will be made available to applicants at the times designated for new student registration. Students who register late may be required to obtain approval and/or pay a late registration fee (see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for fee amount) before being permitted to register for classes.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

All current students planning to continue their studies in a subsequent quarter are required to register for classes beginning the ninth week of the current quarter. Continuing students registering after the end of the re-registration period may be assessed a late registration fee (see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for fee amount). Failure to officially confirm attendance for the subsequent quarter will result in courses and lessons (where applicable) being dropped from those students' schedules and may result in termination of those students' enrollment.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND DEFINITIONS

It is mandatory that all students enrolled in a certificate or degree (AA or Bachelor) program read and understand the following academic requirements. (Applicability of requirements may vary for students enrolled in a Select program).

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

All degree and certificate programs operate on a year-round quarterly academic calendar, with



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each quarter consisting of ten weeks of classes and one week of testing, followed by two weeks of break.

NOTE: Musicians Institute does not reschedule, make up or otherwise replace classes, lessons, or other events that fall on holidays, during school closures or on other occasions on which the school is not open. See Academic Calendar section in the current Course Catalog for information on such closures.

ACADEMIC HONESTY/INTEGRITY

All students have an obligation to behave honorably and respect the highest ethical standards in carrying out their academic assignments. Academic dishonesty is defined as any form of cheating, falsification, and/or plagiarism. In cases where academic dishonesty or falsification of academic information is proven to have occurred, students may receive a failing grade and are subject to additional disciplinary actions up to and including termination from the program.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY PROCEDURE

The violation of Academic Integrity commonly takes on (but is not limited to) three forms: Falsification of Documents, Plagiarism, and Cheating

Falsification of Documents is defined as misrepresentation of facts and/or forgery upon a school or legal document. Documents proved to be falsified will become immediately null and void and any representations thereon will also be considered false and void.

Engagement in falsification of documents is deemed to be an act of academic dishonesty and may be grounds for disciplinary action. (See below)

Plagiarism is defined as copying or borrowing the ideas or work of another individual without acknowledgement and passing it off as your own. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- The use of another individual as writer for term papers or homework assignments
- The purchase and submission of a chart, term paper or assignment and the passing off of such document as one's own work
- Copying another's work verbatim without the use of appropriate quotation and referencing notation or citation
- Paraphrasing portions of someone else's work without giving him/her proper credit



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- Presenting charts, songs, etc for an evaluation that were not prepared by the presenter

Engagement in Plagiarism is deemed to be an act of academic dishonesty and may be grounds for disciplinary action. (See below)

Cheating is defined as dishonest activity of any kind in regard to examinations, course assignments, or alteration of records. Cheating includes but is not limited to the following actions:

- Bringing unauthorized material into an examination,
- Communicating with other examinees or students during examinations (whether by speaking or other means),
- Reading the work of other examinees during the exam or attempting any of this type of conduct
- Knowingly gaining and/or utilizing a copy of answers to course examinations or assignments
- Bribery or coercion in the interest of achieving an unearned grade
- Being complicit in any act of cheating as a secondary party

Engagement in cheating is deemed to be an Act of Academic Dishonesty and may be grounds for disciplinary action. (See below)

Violations of MI's Academic Integrity Policies may be treated as follows (It shall remain under the discretion of the Program Chair and/or the Dean of Compliance and/or other school official to take other courses of action):



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	PROCEDURE	CONSEQUENCE
FIRST OFFENSE	Instructor or other staff member presents proof of the violation and reports on the incident. The report should include: the document(s) in question, specific information as to how the student(s) violated policy, this report will become part of the student's academic file.	The student earns a ZERO for the assignment, work or test at issue. The student will be required to meet with his/ her Program Chair before returning to classes in order to discuss these violations, the consequences thereof, and the consequences of any further violations. Any missed classes during this time will not be considered excusable.
SECOND OFFENSE	Instructor or other staff member presents proof of the violation and reports on the incident. The report should include: the document(s) in question, specific information as to how the student(s) violated policy, this report will become part of the student's academic file.	The student earns a ZERO for the assignment, work or test at issue. The student is required to meet with the Director of Compliance in order to process the failing grade and/or suspension from school as warranted. If suspension is warranted, the student will be suspended from school for 3 days and disallowed from making up any assignments, tests, workshops or tests missed.
THIRD OFFENSE	Instructor or other staff member presents proof of the violation and reports on the incident. The report should include: the document(s) in question, specific information as to how the student(s) violated policy, this report will become part of the student's academic file.	Student will be expelled from school.



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ACADEMIC PROBATION

Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed quarterly and students showing a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 are placed on Probationary Warning status. A cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 for two consecutive quarters results in the student being placed on Official Academic Probation status. A continued cumulative GPA of less than 2.0 for three consecutive quarters results in loss of Financial Aid funding and termination from the program.

APPEALS/REQUEST FOR ACADEMIC REVIEW

A student has the right to appeal any change in status or grades that may affect his or her grade point average or ability to graduate. All such requests must be made in writing (forms/instructions are available in the Registrar's Office) and submitted to Office of Academic Affairs. Students will be contacted about the committee decision within one week of submission. Submission of such a review does not exempt students from any school regulations, processes or common procedure.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular attendance is required and recorded in all classes and lessons and is factored into final grades. Students who show poor classroom or private lesson attendance will be contacted and counseled by an adviser. Continued absence from a class may result in a failing grade for that class (see the course syllabus for specific information on attendance). Absence from school for more than three consecutive weeks without an approved Leave of Absence will result in termination from the program.

Both scan-in and classroom attendance will be used to determine school and facility use/attendance and will be factored in to any change of status and withdrawals.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students are expected to attend every class for which they are registered, however, it is understood that an occasional absence may occur. In certain cases, the absence from class may be excused. All requests for excused absences must be submitted to the Registrar's Office for review. The Registrar's Office will decide whether to grant or deny requests based on the consistent treatment of all students. Examples of reasons for excused absences, which must be documented and are subject to review, include:

- 1 Jury or military duty



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2 Medical emergencies (illness, injury, etc)

3 Bereavement

Excused absence requests must be submitted with accompanying documentation within five (5) school days after the student's return to class. Requests submitted after this period and/or after Friday of Week 11 will be denied. The maximum number of excused absences per quarter is five (5) days. Requests for repeated absences from the same class may not be approved.

AUDITING

Attendance by students in courses for which they are not registered is not permitted.

TESTING OUT

Students may receive credit for certain courses through advanced placement or by challenging the requirements of a course for a fee (see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for fee amount). Students wishing to test out of a course must pass an evaluation of their knowledge of course material with a minimum grade of A- (90%). Advanced placement tests are allowed only before or during the normal Add/Drop period at the beginning of the program for which the student has enrolled. In the case of sequential classes, prerequisite courses may not be skipped over via test-out once the original placement has been determined. Students are not allowed to test out of courses previously taken and failed. If a student meets the requirements for testing out of a course, a designation of "P" (Pass) is entered on the transcript and course credit is granted towards graduation requirements. Credits are counted toward units completed but are not factored into the GPA.

LATE TESTING

Late testing is permitted only for final exams missed due to emergencies or other unforeseen/unavoidable events, or for grades of "I" (Incomplete). Students requesting late testing must submit the proper form to the Registrar's Office in advance whenever possible and pay the late testing fee, if applicable (see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for fee amount).

COURSE REPETITION

A student receiving an overall course grade below C- (70) will be required to take the course again; full tuition will be charged, and normal grading standards will apply. A student who has passed a course and earned credit may not re-take the same course for additional credit unless the catalog course description states that the course "may be repeated for credit." A student may re-take a course for a higher grade without receiving additional credit; full tuition will be



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charged, only the highest grade will be factored into the GPA, and repeated units will be counted toward the total number of units attempted in the program.

SCHEDULING POLICY

MI reserves the right to create student schedules based on class/teacher/space availability. MI does not guarantee any student a specific schedule. Students, during their tenure at MI, may be moved from one section/class/room to another based on the needs and facilities of the school and greater student body.

FINAL EXAM WEEK

Week 11 of each quarter is designated as Exam Week (as such, students should not schedule vacations or trips home before they are aware of their Week 11 test schedule).

INCOMPLETE (I)

A grade of Incomplete ("I") will be approved only if the student is making satisfactory progress in the course but cannot complete the final project or examination due to unforeseen, justifiable, and documented reasons including but not limited to: a medical emergency; jury or military duty; or bereavement. All incomplete course work must be made up before the end of the first week of the following quarter unless an extension is granted due to verifiable injury or illness or other valid circumstance. When course work is completed the satisfaction of all established requirements of the course, a grade will be issued to replace the "I" on the student's transcript. Failure to complete the course work within the maximum allotted time will result in a grade of "F" replacing the "Incomplete." An Incomplete on a prerequisite course must be resolved before the student can enroll in a class requiring that course as a prerequisite.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Federal regulations require all institutions that participate in Title IV aid programs to define and monitor satisfactory academic progress (SAP) for all financial aid recipients. The standards must meet all federal requirements and be equal to or more stringent than the SAP standards for non-financial aid recipients. Students are required to meet both qualitative and quantitative academic standards while attending Musicians Institute. This policy insures that students are progressing through their programs of study and identifies students who may be at risk of failing. Satisfactory academic progress will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.



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SAP DEFINED

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is calculated programmatically for all students attending approved programs at MI. SAP calculations for students in the Associate or Bachelor's degree programs will be cumulative regardless of the performance program. SAP calculations for students in a non-matriculating certificate program will be calculated separately for each individual program. Students with a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) less than 2.0 in their current program of study and/or students that have completed less than 66.66% of their cumulative attempted units in their current program of study have not met the minimum requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for that program.

SAP WARNING STATUS

Students that have not met SAP for one quarter will be sent an SAP warning letter. Students in an SAP warning status are encouraged to meet with a Student Affairs counselor to request free tutoring services offered on campus.

SAP PROBATION STATUS

Students that fail to meet SAP for two consecutive quarters will be notified of SAP Probation status. Financial aid will be suspended until the SAP probationary status is appealed and the appeal is approved. Students appealing the SAP probation decision must complete an SAP appeal form and meet with an Academic Advisor to complete an academic plan. The completed SAP appeal form, and academic plan must be returned to the Financial Aid office for review. Accepted appeals will result in a reinstatement of the student's financial aid eligibility. Students that are not receiving financial aid will be contacted by the Registrar Services office to complete both an appeal form and academic plan.

SAP WITHDRAWAL

Students in SAP Appeal that fail to follow their academic plan will lose their eligibility for student financial assistance and be dismissed from attendance.

STUDENT MESSAGES (ALL PROGRAMS)

When you scan your ID badge upon entering or exiting an MI building, you will be notified if you have any holds/reminders. Please respond to all holds/reminders IMMEDIATELY! Failure to respond to a hold/reminder in a timely manner may negatively affect class attendance.

STUDENT RECORDS

Students' grades, documents, transcripts and permanent records are kept in the Registrar's Office in the Hollywood Passage (or at a secure off-site document storage facility). To request a



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copy of a document or transcript, or for student records inquiries, please contact the Registrar's Office at 323-860-1115 or studentrecords@mi.edu. Please allow up to 72 hours for copies of requested documents. Please see Tuition and Fees section in the current Course Catalog for fee amounts associated with student records requests.

TERMINATION

Other than for the academic reasons cited herein a student may be terminated from a program for reasons including but not limited to the following:

- Violation of student conduct policies
- Failure to pay tuition or fees
- Continuous absence from a program for three consecutive weeks without having been approved for a Leave of Absence

FACILITIES REGULATIONS

All registered students are expected to comply with the following general regulations regarding use of the facilities and resources at Musicians Institute

- All students are required to wear their school ID badge at all times in order to obtain admittance to the building and to protect the interests of all students and their use of school facilities (see Student Guest Policy for more information on guest access to school facilities) Students may request a temporary student ID for themselves at McCadden entrance Security Desk.

NOTE: Anyone who gives his/her student ID badge to another student or a non-student for the purpose of entry into the building will be subject to termination
- Students are required to clock in and out using their Students ID badges when entering/exiting all MI facilities
- Smoking and/or the use of lighters, matches or burning incense is not allowed in the MI Main Building, annexes, and facilities
- Eating and drinking is allowed only in the vending machine or other designated area
- Seminars and concerts are for currently enrolled MI students only, unless otherwise indicated
- We cannot and will not accept personal phone messages. In cases of an emergency, we will post an emergency "ID clock- in" message and try to locate you within the building
- Do not remove amplifiers, drum equipment, or any other property belonging to MI from its location If a room is not properly equipped during the day, note the problem on the



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clipboard posted by the door or go to the main Security Desk and report the problem. At night, inform Security at the main entrance Security Desk. Anyone caught removing, defacing, or intentionally damaging school property will be expelled.

- Do not bring your instruments to seminars or concerts
- If you find an item or item(s) that appear to have been lost or left behind by someone else, please take the item(s) to Lost and Found, located in the Library on the 2nd floor of the Main Building. If the Library is closed, you may then take the item(s) to the McCadden Security Desk.
- The elevator is for handicapped students and employees only.

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

Musicians Institute is dedicated to providing a safe and orderly environment in which students may pursue their educational goals. This requires that students, teachers and staff foster an atmosphere of respect toward each other and their surroundings.

Students are expected to abide by ordinary rules of responsible, courteous behavior. Musicians Institute holds all students, teachers and staff responsible for carrying out and monitoring compliance with this commitment. If you become aware of any violation of an ethical or legal nature, or any unfair or improper treatment of a fellow student or staff member, please report the matter immediately to the Safety and Security Manager so that it may be investigated, and the appropriate action taken.

The following conduct is prohibited and will not be tolerated by Musicians Institute. This list is illustrative only; other types of conduct that threaten security, personal safety, staff or student welfare, or the school's operations also may be prohibited:

VIOLATIONS OF POLICY

Violation of any part of these policies may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

1. INTIMIDATION, THREATS, DISORDERLY, LEWD OR VIOLENT ACTS

Include but are not limited to:

- Intimidating, threatening or hostile behavior
- Stalking, whether carried out physically, by telephone, mail, electronic mail or any other means
- Physical abuse of people or property



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- Lewd and/or lascivious behavior
- Disorderly acts
- Vandalism
- Arson
- Sabotage
- Carrying weapons of any kind
- *Any other act Musicians Institute deems inappropriate*

2. ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

Musicians Institute, in compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, prohibits the use, possession, sale or distribution of alcohol, narcotics, dangerous or illegal drugs or other controlled substances as defined by California statutes on school property. Students may obtain information pertaining to the health risks and effects associated with alcohol and narcotics or other dangerous or illegal drugs from the Student Services Office. The Student Services Office will also assist in referring students to recovery and/or treatment programs. Specific school policies prohibit:

- Use, possession, sale, distribution and/or production of alcoholic beverages, acting as an accessory, liaison, or facilitator for any of the above except at a time, location and circumstance expressly permitted by MI and government regulations
- Use, possession, sale, distribution, and/or production of narcotics or other controlled substances, including related paraphernalia, or acting as an accessory, liaison, or facilitator for any of the above
- Public intoxication anywhere on MI's premises or at functions sponsored by or participated in by MI

Disciplinary action for a violation of this policy can range from oral and written warnings up to and including suspension, expulsion depending on the circumstances

Note: Responsibility is not diminished for acts in violation of Musicians Institute rules and regulations or other laws that are committed under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs or controlled substances.

3. UNAUTHORIZED AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING/SHARING



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Making any audio or video recording of any class, lesson, performance or other event on MI premises without the explicit permission of instructor(s) or any other individual whose visual or audio representation is captured by the recording

Sharing of any audio/video recordings (including Internet posting, file sharing, network uploading) without the express prior consent of Musicians Institute Management

4. BREACH OF PEACE

Conduct that is disorderly, disruptive, lewd, or indecent as defined by laws, MI management or its designees; aiding or abetting such behavior by another person anywhere on MI's premises or at functions sponsored by or participated in by MI

5. COMPUTER VIOLATIONS

- Modifying system or network facilities, or attempting to damage or "crash" systems or networks;
- Using personal software on Musicians Institute computers;
- Using network resources which inhibit or interfere with the use of the network by others;
- Using, duplicating or transmitting copyrighted material in any way that may reasonably be expected to constitute an infringement, or that exceeds the scope of a license, or violates other contracts;
- Tampering with software protections or restrictions placed on computer applications or files;
- Using Musicians Institute information technology resources for personal for-profit purposes;
- Sending messages that are malicious or that a reasonable person would find to be harassing;
- Sending personal messages from the school network that are threatening in nature;
- Subverting restrictions associated with computer accounts;
- Using information technology resources to obtain unauthorized access to records, data, and other forms of information owned, used, possessed by, or pertaining to Musicians Institute or individuals;
- Accessing another person's computer account without permission—including supplying false or misleading data, or improperly obtaining another's password in order to gain access to computers or network systems, data or information
Obtaining access to an account name or password through the negligence or inattentiveness of another;
- Intentionally introducing computer viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, or other rogue programs into information technology resources that belong to, are licensed to, or are leased by the college or others;



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- Physically damaging information technology resources;
- Using, or encouraging others to use, information technology resources in any manner that would violate this or other college policies or any applicable state or federal law
- Other actions Musicians Institute deems inappropriate

6. TELEPHONE VIOLATIONS

Tapping telephone or cable lines, altering another's phone message, harassing by telephone, unauthorized use of MI telephones or theft of telephone service

7. HARASSMENT

Disturbing, tormenting, bothering, annoying of others including, but not limited to slurs, jokes, statements, emails, gestures, pictures, or cartoons based on such factors as race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, family care leave status, or veteran status as well as harassment based on gender, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions

Sexual Harassment includes all these prohibited actions as well as other unwelcome conduct such as stalking, requests for sexual favors, conversation containing sexual comments, and unwelcome sexual advances

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Conducting oneself in a manner that endangers or threatens the health and safety of oneself or others within the MI community

9. UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY/USE OF KEYS/IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Unauthorized or improper possession or duplication of keys to Musicians Institute premises, unauthorized or improper entry to or use of Musicians Institute facilities

10. POSSESSION OF WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS ITEMS

Possession of any type of firearm, facsimile of a gun, knives, explosives, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, martial arts weapons, fireworks or any other weapons/items banned by law or considered dangerous on Musicians Institute premises or at events sponsored by or participated in by Musicians Institute. (Musicians Institute restrictions on such weapons or items supersede any and all permits obtained from any issuing authority which allows private citizens to possess, carry or conceal guns or other weapons)



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11. PROPERTY DAMAGE, VANDALISM, AND THEFT

- Destruction, damage, misuse and/or defacing of personal or public property
- Attempted or actual removal of property without prior permission

Note: Musicians Institute is not responsible for reimbursing or requiring others to reimburse a student for destruction, damage, misuse, or theft of personal property. It is strongly recommended that students obtain private insurance for their personal possessions.

12. FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply with lawful directions of Musicians Institute officials, including but not limited to security guards, teachers, or administrative personnel acting in performance of their duties

13. FAILURE TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION

Failure to identify oneself with appropriate identification when requested to do so or providing false identification

14. VIOLATION OF LAW

Any violation of federal, state, or local laws on Musicians Institute property or at events sponsored by or participated in by Musicians Institute

15. LOITERING OR SQUATTING

Use of any Musicians Institute facilities as a domicile to sleep and/or store personal property or for anything other than educational purposes

16. OTHER VIOLATIONS

Violation of any other published Musicians Institute policies, rules, or regulations, including those implemented during the academic year

REPORTING PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Students, teachers and other Musicians Institute employees are obligated to report any incident of prohibited conduct to the Safety and Security Manager.



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Any student who receives a threat of violence-- direct or implied-- by another student, teacher and/or member of staff, and any student who hears, observes, reads or otherwise becomes aware of a threat by any student, teacher and/or staff member on Musicians Institute campus, should report the matter to the Safety and Security Manager.

All threats of violence are considered serious matters and will be thoroughly investigated. To the greatest extent possible, confidentiality will be maintained.

Musicians Institute may, at its discretion, file criminal charges against a violating student or assist another person in filing charges.

Musicians Institute prohibits retaliation, including but not limited to making any threatening communication by verbal, written and/or electronic means, against any individual who reports and/or provides any information concerning unlawful discrimination, harassment and/or other violations of Musicians Institute policies, rules and standards of conduct. Any student or employee found engaging in retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or termination of employment.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

The procedures outlined in this section, based on common rules of fairness and due process, represent the steps employed to reach a resolution in cases of alleged misconduct. Questions concerning these procedures may be addressed to the Office of Student Affairs.

A. REFERRAL OF COMPLAINTS

Complaints involving alleged misconduct by students will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs will be made within one month following discovery of the alleged misconduct, unless an exception is granted by the Office of Student Affairs.

The Office of Student Affairs will refer the report to a Musicians Institute Designee (School Designee) or may provide information about other campus or community resources which may be of assistance in resolving the matter outside the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code.

B. LETTER OF ADMONITION

A Musicians Institute Designee may provide notice to a student that his or her alleged



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behavior may have violated. Musicians Institute policy or regulations and that, if repeated, such behavior may be subject to the disciplinary process.

C. INVESTIGATION AND NOTICE TO STUDENT

Upon receiving the complaint of the alleged violation(s), the Musicians Institute Designee (School Designee), may consider information acquired from a complainant and may augment that information through further investigation in order to determine if there is a reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation may have occurred. If the School Designee determines that there is a reasonable suspicion to believe that a violation may have occurred, the School Designee will give notice to the student of the following:

- 1 the nature of the conduct in question, including a brief statement of the factual basis of the charges; the time, date, and place it is alleged to have occurred; and Musicians Institute rules and/or regulations allegedly violated;
- 2 the nature of the student conduct procedures (to be accomplished by providing the student access to the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code);
- 3 that the student has seven days from the date notice was given to contact the School Designee for the purpose of scheduling an initial meeting. Meetings are to be scheduled within ten days of the student contacting the School Designee. This schedule may be amended as a result of school breaks, closures and holidays.
- 4 that if the student does not contact the School Designee within the seven-day period or fails to keep any scheduled appointment, the student will be placed on Hold and the student will be notified that this action has been taken. The placement of a Hold may result in suspension of access to school functions or facilities, prevention of the student from registering and from obtaining transcripts, verifications, certificates or degrees from Musicians Institute. The Hold will be removed only when the student either attends a scheduled meeting with the School Designee, or requests in writing that the case be referred to the Student Conduct Committee for a hearing; and
- 5 that no degree may be conferred on a student until any pending disciplinary charges against a student are fully resolved.

In addition, the School Designee may direct the student to act or refrain from acting in a manner specified by the School Designee. These directions may include directing the student not to intentionally contact, telephone, or otherwise disturb the peace of



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others specifically named for a specified period of time. Violation of these directions is separate misconduct (Failure to Comply).

D. MEETING(S) WITH THE SCHOOL DESIGNEE ASSIGNED TO THE CASE

At the initial meeting with the student, the School Designee assigned to the case will:

- 1 ensure that the student has been provided information on how to access the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code;
- 2 discuss confidentiality; inform the student that the content of this and all subsequent communication with the School Designee regarding information not relevant to the case will, insofar as allowed by law, be treated
 - i. confidentially, unless such confidentiality is waived by the student; and that information relevant to the case may be divulged to those who have a legitimate educational interest, including but not limited to the Student Conduct Committee;
- 2 provide the student with an opportunity to inspect all documents relevant to the case which are in the possession of the school at the time of the meeting, at the student's request;
- 3 describe to the student as completely as possible the nature of the conduct in question, and the Musicians Institute rules and/or regulation(s) allegedly violated, hear the student's defense to such charges, and counsel the student as appropriate; and
- 4 provide the student with copies of the documents relevant to the case, at the student's request. Should the case be referred to the Student Conduct Committee, the School Designee will provide the student with copies of all documents relevant to the case which are in the possession of the Student Conduct Committee at the time the case is referred. Relevant documents received thereafter will be shared with the student.

Although meeting with the School Designee provides the student with an opportunity to resolve the case without a hearing before the Student Conduct Committee, the student may opt to forgo a meeting with the School Designee by requesting, in writing, that the case be forwarded to the Student Conduct Committee for a hearing as defined below.



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E. DISPOSITION BY THE SCHOOL DESIGNEE

After conducting any further necessary investigation, the School Designee assigned to the case may take one of several actions listed below. Regardless of the action taken, the School Designee will confirm his or her disposition of the case in a notice to the student within seven days of the action.

Additionally, the results of any disciplinary action or Agreement of Resolution by Musicians Institute regarding an allegation of sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, or other sex offenses will be disclosed to the alleged victim by the School Designee. The scope of information to be provided under this provision will be:

- the school's final determination with respect to the alleged sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct or sex offense; and
- any sanction that is imposed against the alleged offender with respect to the alleged sexual assault, sexual misconduct or sex offense.

1. Imposing Sanctions

If the student does admit responsibility, and if the School Designee concludes that there is sufficient information to sustain a finding of responsibility, the School Designee may impose or defer one or more of the sanctions listed herein.

2. Referral to the Student Conduct Committee

If the student does not admit responsibility, and if the School Designee concludes that an Agreement of Resolution (see below) is not appropriate, and that there is sufficient information to sustain a finding that it is more likely than not that the student has violated the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code, the School Designee will refer the case to the Student Conduct Committee for a hearing.

At any time until the Student Conduct Committee recorder makes report of the hearing decision, the student may make an admission of responsibility to the School Designee assigned to the case. The School Designee may then impose or defer one or more of the sanctions listed herein. This disposition is binding and terminates all Student Conduct Committee proceedings.



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3. **Insufficient Evidence**

If the School Designee concludes that there is insufficient information to find the student responsible, the case will not be referred to the Student Conduct Committee for a hearing.

4. **Agreement of Resolution**

When the School Designee and the student agree that the above dispositions are not appropriate, an Agreement of Resolution may be used to conclude the matter. This Resolution, while not considered to be a finding of responsibility, is binding. If the student fails to abide by the terms of the Agreement of Resolution, that failure may be regarded as actionable misconduct and may subject the student to disciplinary action by the school.

An Agreement of Resolution may include-- but is not limited to-- such terms as:

- agreement by the student to refrain from specific behaviors, and/or to refrain from contacting others involved in the case;
- agreement by the student to participate in specified educational programs, counseling and/or reconciliation processes such as mediation;

The Agreement of Resolution will be retained in the case file in the Office of Registrar Records for seven years from the date of the Agreement. During that time, should the school have a reasonable basis to believe that the student has engaged in misconduct related in nature to the conduct which occasioned the agreement, both cases may be the subject of Musicians Institute disciplinary action.

F. **SANCTIONS**

When a student admits responsibility or is found in violation of Musicians Institute policies or regulations, the School Designee may impose one or more of the sanctions listed in this Section; any sanction may be effective retroactively.

Any sanction imposed will be appropriate to the violation, taking into consideration the



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context and seriousness of the violation, and may include required enrollment in and completion of educational programs, classes, activities or workshops, which in the judgment of the School Designee will be beneficial to the student.

Where it is more likely than not that a violation of Musicians Institute policies or regulations has been committed against any person or group because of the person's or group's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation, or because of the perception by the student charged with the violation that the person or group has one or more of those characteristics, the recommendation or imposition of sanctions will be enhanced, and usually will result in Suspension or Dismissal.

1. Exclusion from Musicians Institute Campus, Facilities or Official Functions

Exclusion of a student as part of a disciplinary action from specified areas of the campus or Musicians Institute- owned, -operated, or leased facilities, or other facilities located on Musicians Institute or affiliated property, or from official Musicians Institute functions when there is reasonable cause to believe that the student's presence there will lead to physical abuse, threats of violence, or conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person on Musicians Institute property or at official Musicians Institute functions, or other disruptive activity incompatible with the orderly operation of the campus.

2. Loss of Privileges and Exclusion from Activities

Exclusion from participation in designated privileges and extracurricular activities for a specified term or terms. Violation of any conditions in the notice of loss of privileges and exclusion from activities or violation of Musicians Institute policies or regulations during the period of the sanction may be cause for further disciplinary action.

3. Restitution

A requirement for restitution in the form of reimbursement may be imposed for expenses incurred by Musicians Institute or other parties resulting from a violation of the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code. Such reimbursement may take the form of monetary payment or appropriate service to repair or otherwise compensate for damages. Restitution may be imposed on any student who alone, or through group or concerted activities, participates in causing the damages or costs. Musicians Institute shall not be responsible for collecting restitution assessed to or incurred by



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any parties other than Musicians Institute.

4. **Warning/Censure**

Notice or reprimand to the student that a violation of specified Musicians Institute policies or regulations has occurred and that continued or repeated violations of specified Musicians Institute policies or regulations may be cause for further disciplinary action, normally in the form of Disciplinary Probation, and/or Loss of Privileges and Exclusion from Activities, Suspension, or Dismissal.

5. **Disciplinary Probation**

A status imposed for a specific period of time in which a student must demonstrate conduct that conforms to Musicians Institute standards of conduct. Conditions restricting the student's privileges or eligibility for activities may be imposed. Misconduct during the probationary period or violation of any conditions of the probation may result in further disciplinary action.

6. **Hold on Musicians Institute Records**

A Hold may be placed on the student's Musicians Institute records for either a stated period or until the student satisfies any conditions imposed as part of another sanction. The placement of a Hold on the student's Musicians Institute records may, for example, prevent the student from registering and from obtaining transcripts, verifications, or a degree from Musicians Institute.

7. **Suspension**

Suspension is the termination of student status for a specified academic term or terms, to take effect at such time. School Designee or Musicians Institute decides after the period of Suspension, the student will be reinstated if:

- the student has complied with all conditions imposed as part of the Suspension;
- the student is academically eligible;
- the student meets all requirements for reinstatement including, but not limited to, removal of Holds on records, and payment of restitution where payment is a requirement of reinstatement; and
- the student meets the deadlines for filing all necessary applications,



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including those for readmission, registration, and enrollment

Suspension may include a prohibition against entering specified areas of the campus. Violation of the conditions of Suspension or of Musicians Institute policies or regulations during the period of Suspension may be cause for further disciplinary action.

8. Dismissal

Dismissal is the termination of student status for an indefinite period and may include an exclusion from specified areas of the campus. Readmission to the Musicians Institute campus, facilities or properties after Dismissal may be granted only under exceptional circumstances and requires the specific prior approval of Musicians Institute.

9. Revocation of Awarding of Degree

Should it be found that a degree, certificate or award was obtained by fraud, such degree, certificate or award is subject to revocation. Such revocation is subject to review on appeal by Musicians Institute.

G. POSTING OF SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL ON ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

When, as a result of violations of the Student Conduct Code, a student is suspended or dismissed, the fact that the discipline was imposed must be posted on the academic transcript for the duration of the Suspension or Dismissal.

H. APPEAL OF THE SANCTION

If the School Designee imposes a sanction of Suspension or Dismissal, the student may submit a written appeal of the imposed Suspension or Dismissal to the Director of Student Affairs within seven days of the date of notice from the School Designee of his or her action. The imposition of a sanction of Suspension or Dismissal may be deferred during such appeal.

If, as a result of an appeal, it is determined that the student was improperly disciplined, the Office of Registrar Records will, if requested by the student, have the record of the hearing sealed and have any reference to the disciplinary process removed from the student's record. In such case, the record of the hearing may be used only in connection with legal proceedings.



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I. THE STUDENT CONDUCT COMMITTEE

When a case is referred to the Student Conduct Committee for a hearing, the following will be provided to the student to ensure a fair hearing:

- written notice, including a brief statement of the factual basis of the charges, the Musicians Institute policies or regulations allegedly violated, and the time and place of the hearing
- the opportunity for a prompt and fair hearing where the school will have the responsibility of proving that it is more likely than not that a violation occurred;
- the opportunity to present documents, defense and witnesses;
- a written report including a summary of the findings of fact and, at the request of the student, access to a copy of a record of the hearing; and
- an appeal process

1. Referral of Cases to the Student Conduct Committee

A hearing will be provided for all cases referred to the Student Conduct Committee under the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code.

2. Composition

The Student Conduct Committee will consist of 3 individuals possibly including, but not limited to, member of faculty, member of Musicians Institute management, member of Musicians Institute staff, and member of Musicians Institute Directorship. One member of the Committee will act as Hearing Recorder.

3. Scheduling of Hearing

It is the intention of the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code that hearing will be set as soon as reasonably possible after referral to the Student Conduct Committee.

Events such as holidays, school closures, forces of nature may require an extended timeline.

4. Hearing Procedures and Standards

Hearings will be held in accordance with generally accepted standards of procedural due



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process.

If a student absents himself or herself from the disciplinary process or has withdrawn from Musicians Institute while subject to pending disciplinary action, the case may proceed to disposition without the student's participation.

Attendance at such hearings will be at the discretion of Musicians Institute.

5. Continuing Resolution between the Student and Musicians Institute

Until the Student Conduct Committee has published its decision to Musicians Institute Senior Management and the student, the student may make an admission of responsibility to the School Designee assigned to the case.

The School Designee may then impose or defer one or more of the sanctions listed herein. Any sanction may be effective retroactively. This disposition of the matter will bind all parties and terminate all proceedings.

6. Reports of Student Conduct Council Hearing decision to Musicians Institute Senior Management and Student.

Within fifteen days after the conclusion of a hearing, the Student Conduct Committee Recorder will submit a notice of the Committee decision to Musicians Institute Senior Management and the student including:

- a summary of the allegations and the outcome of the Committee examination of the information concerning the alleged misconduct, including the positions of the parties and a summary of the evidence presented;
- whether, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee, the student has violated one or more of the Musicians Institute policies or regulations that the student has been charged with violating; and
- a decision of sanction based on those conferred in similar cases and in any previous cases of misconduct by the accused student on file with the Office of Registrar Records. Such sanction shall be carried out by all relevant parties on the time line decided by the Committee.



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J. APPEAL BY STUDENT

1. When a student has appealed in writing a decision or sanction by Musicians Institute, the final decision regarding the outcome will be made by Senior Management, which will review the evidence and findings and may engage in further research to ensure that the process above has been carried out fairly and in accordance with due process. Within 20 days of the submission of appeal, Senior Management will notify the student as to the decision on the appeal. The decision of Senior Management will be final and complete.
2. When reviewing a student's appeal of a sanction of Suspension or Dismissal, decision may be based upon
 - a. any written appeal submitted by the student regarding the sanction; and
 - b. information from the Office of Registrar Records regarding sanctions imposed in similar cases and any previous cases of misconduct by the student on file
3. The written decision will be delivered to:
 - a. The student and his or her representative, if any;
 - b. The Musicians Institute Office of Registrar Records; and
 - c. Other Musicians Institute departments/employees as necessary to carry out sanctions

The results of any hearing in which sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, or sex offenses are alleged will be disclosed to the alleged victim by the School Designee.

The scope of information to be provided under this provision will be:

1. the Musicians Institute's final determination with respect to the alleged sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct or sex offense; and
2. any sanction that is imposed against the alleged offender with respect to the alleged sexual assault, sexual misconduct or sex offense

INTERIM SUSPENSION

Before final determination of an alleged violation, Interim Suspension may be imposed by the School Designee

1. Interim Suspension may include exclusion from the Musicians Institute campus, facilities,



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classes or from other specified activities. A student will be restricted to the extent necessary when there is reasonable cause to believe that the student's participation in Musicians Institute activities or presence at specified areas of the campus will lead to physical abuse, threats of violence, or conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person on Musicians Institute property or at official Musicians Institute functions, or other disruptive activity incompatible with the orderly operation of the campus.

2. Upon imposition of the Interim Suspension, the School Designee will notify the student under the Interim Suspension of the charges against him or her, the length and conditions of the Interim Suspension, and the opportunity for a hearing.
3. Appeals concerning the contention that the Interim Suspension is unnecessary or that its conditions should be modified shall be made in writing to the School Designee and decisions thereon shall be based on information contained therein and upon whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the student's participation in Musicians Institute activities or presence at specified areas of the campus will lead to physical abuse, threats of violence, or conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person on Musicians Institute property or at official Musicians Institute functions, or other disruptive activity incompatible with the orderly operation of the campus.
4. Disciplinary proceedings involving students on Interim Suspension will follow normal procedures provided in the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code.

PRIVACY AND RECORDS RETENTION

Student discipline records are confidential. The disclosure of information from such records is subject to the Musicians Institute Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students the California Information Practices Act (<http://www.privacyprotection.ca.gov/ipa.htm>), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/reg/ferpa/index.html).

The Office of Registrar Services and Records retains student discipline records for seven years from the date of the notice of final disposition. When there have been repeated violations of the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code, all student discipline records pertaining to an individual student will be retained for seven years from the date of the final disposition in the most recent case. In those cases where the final disposition is Dismissal, the student's discipline records will be retained indefinitely.

Upon receipt of a request from professional schools, graduate programs, employers, or others, for the disciplinary records of a student, after the student provides an appropriate confidentiality



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waiver, the Office of Registrar Services and Records will only report and/or release records where violations resulted in suspension and/or dismissal, both imposed and deferred, or the revocation of the awarding of a degree. Should the requesting party seek broader disclosure of a student's discipline record, the Office of Registrar Services and Records will not provide additional records or information.

AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION

Amendment of the Musicians Institute Student Conduct Code may be made by Musicians Institute at any time. Before adoption, Musicians Institute will review any and all measures, rules and policies for consistency with common academic policies (where appropriate) as well as with state and federal laws and regulations.

Musicians Institute will not refund tuition to students for lost privileges or lost access to MI's campus and facilities or classes, tests, performances, lessons, appointments, or other activities and events resulting from a disciplinary action except as required by State or Federal policies.

MI ALUMNI

Musicians Institute Alumni are:

- Those who have successfully completed a Musicians Institute program in its entirety by obtaining a certificate or diploma, have a zero-pending balance, and have abided by the school code of conduct or;
- Those who have successfully completed a minimum of 15 credits at Musicians Institute and have a zero-pending balance. Those who qualify under this category have limited resources, please inquire at alumni@mi.edu.
- Those who fall into either category as described above AND who have not been terminated from MI for student Code of Conduct violations.

ALUMNI PASS

Alumni who have successfully completed their program in its entirety, have a zero pending balance and have abided by the school code of conduct can request access to the main campus on weekends stopping by the Registrar's Office for an Alumni Pass.

- If eligible, the pass is purchased for \$10. This pass can be renewed annually from date of purchase in the Registrar's Office. The Registrar's Office is open Monday-Friday, 9 am -4:45 pm.



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- Pass holders must continue to abide by the student code of conduct while using the facilities.
- Musicians Institute has the right to refuse an Alumni Pass to anyone or revoke the pass from a current holder.
- Musicians Institute reserves the right to revise or revoke this policy at any time with or without notice.

Those who obtain the alumni pass will receive the following:

- Access to the main MI campus building on weekends, beginning Friday evenings at 5 p.m. and ending Sunday night at 11:59 p.m., with the exception of any school closures. For access on any other day of the week, alumni must be pre- approved and provided with a guest pass.
- Rehearsal rooms on the 3rd floor, the Library and designated rooms.

ALUMNI WEEKEND ACCESS

DRUM ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no drum labs
GUITAR ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no private rooms
VOCAL ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no vocal labs
BASS ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no private rooms
KEYBOARD ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no practice rooms or labs
GUITAR CRAFT ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library in Main Building, no access to Guitar Craft facilities
AUDIO ENGINEERING, INDEPENDENT ARTIST (IAP), ARTIST, PRODUCER, ENTREPRENEUR (APE), SONGWRITING ALUMNI	Access to rooms 102, 277 and 281 (unless there is a class meeting in the room) as well as the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library, no studio access



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COMPOSITION ALUMNI	Access to room 102 and Library
DJ ALUMNI	Access to rooms 330, 331 and 220 as well as 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library in main building
MUSIC BUSINESS ALUMNI	Access to the 3rd floor rehearsal rooms and Library in main building, no access to Music Business facilities

Due to MI's continued growth, these privileges are available to eligible alumni under the following circumstances:

- Priority to rehearsal room space is reserved for current students. If you are using a rehearsal room and a current student needs the space, you must vacate the room. Private lesson rooms, vocal labs, studios and other designated rooms will not be accessible to alumni.
- In order to keep a reasonable balance between current student and alumni use of facilities, a limit per weekend/day access may be set as needed.
- The public or ineligible alumni will not be able to join you for your rehearsal and will not be allowed into the school.

Alumni passes can be obtained through the Registrar's Office, located in MI's Main Passage: registrar@mi.edu.

Alumni tours may be scheduled with the Alumni Coordinator in ACS: alumni@mi.edu

Industry resources and support will continue to be provided to all eligible alumni through the Artist and Career Services, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

Musicians Institute acknowledges that its community of alumni is a valuable part of the MI Family and the alumni privileges are an essential part of the MI experience. We encourage you to stay involved with MI as you further your careers but ask that you understand the limitations of MI's campus resources. It is our pleasure to accommodate our alumni in what ways we are able.

SOCIAL NETWORKING CODE OF CONDUCT:

While we believe users should be able to express themselves and their points of view, certain kinds of speech or behavior simply do not belong in a community like MI's Alumni network.



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Therefore, we would ask that you not post or share content on any MI alumni affiliated website that:

- is obscene, pornographic or sexually explicit
- depicts graphic or gratuitous violence
- makes threats of any kind or that intimidates, harasses, or bullies anyone
- is derogatory, demeaning, malicious, defamatory, abusive, offensive or hateful
- refers to a specific MI Alumni user by name with the intent to be derogatory, demeaning, malicious, defamatory, abusive, offensive or hateful
- incorporates the content of another MI Alumni user's comment or opinion with the intent to be derogatory, demeaning, malicious, defamatory, abusive, offensive or hateful

Failure to comply with the above regulations can result in suspension to the Musicians Institute campuses and/or termination of all resources.

For a list of alumni resources please contact the Alumni Outreach Office at 323-337-1062 or alumni@mi.edu

STUDENT RIGHTS

Musicians Institute is licensed to operate in the State of California through the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. If you have any complaints, questions, or problems that you cannot resolve directly with the school, please write or call:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

2535 Capitol Oaks Dr, Ste 400

Sacramento, CA 95833

Phone: (916) 431-6959

Toll Free: (888)-370-7589

Fax: (916) 236-1897

Web site: www.bppe.ca.gov

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Musicians Institute is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which all persons who participate in MI programs and activities can work together in an atmosphere free of all forms of harassment, discrimination, exploitation or intimidation on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or sex, including sexual harassment. It is the



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intention of MI to take whatever action may be needed to prevent, correct and, if necessary, discipline behavior that violates this policy. MI prohibits discrimination against members of the MI community by any student, staff, faculty or third-party contractors brought on campus for the purpose of conducting business with MI. Discrimination of any kind is against MI policy and is prohibited under state and federal laws.

Any student who believes that he or she has been the victim of sexual harassment or other discrimination should contact the Title IX Coordinator:

Title IX Coordinator

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(323) 860-4349

Note: Comprehensive information on sexual harassment policy and procedure can be obtained in the Student Affairs. Complaints may be submitted to the Student Affairs Office or delivered to the Title IX Coordinator at the address above. Students may also make verbal complaints directly to the Title IX Coordinator (or other MI personnel). Complaints of illegal sexual harassment must be received within one year of the date of the last alleged incident. Complaints to the Office of Civil Rights at the Office of Academic Affairs must be made within six months of the date of the last alleged incident.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Musicians Institute is not responsible for loss of, or damage to, personal property and/or personal injury that may occur while on the Institute's premises.

STUDENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

MI is committed to providing current and prospective students as well as the campus community with full disclosure of all consumer information as required by federal regulations. The laws are intended to allow students the opportunity to make fully informed choices about the institution they wish to attend. Crime Statistics are available on website and at Campus Security Office. Completion Statistics and Transfer Out Rate are shown on the School Performance Fact Sheet available in the Registrar's Office.

SAFETY ON CAMPUS

Campus security information is provided to prospective students via mail in their acceptance package. Currently enrolled students receive email notification in January each year that the



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updated campus security report is available on the MI website. Additional information, including the Crime Statistics Report, may be obtained by a visit or written request to the Student Affairs Office.

GRADUATION RATE INFORMATION

Information on graduation and completion rates is sent to prospective students via mail along with their acceptance letters or can be accessed online at <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>. Currently enrolled students receive an email notification in January to review the annual completion rates on the college navigator website. Students may also request a hard copy from the Registrar's Office.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ACT

Drug and alcohol abuse prevention information is given to all students at the time of registration and is also available from the Student Affairs Office and/or Admissions Department upon request.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Information about financial aid that is not already provided in the current Course Catalog may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA is a federal privacy law that gives post-secondary students certain protections with regard to their academic records. Academic records include but are not limited to attendance, financial aid, school account information, tax information, report cards, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact and family information, class schedules, charges, payments, and account balances. In general, schools may disclose "directory information" to qualified individuals and/or organizations without prior consent of the student. "Directory information" is defined as a student's name, photograph, date and place of birth, major field of study, grade level, and participation in officially recognized activities and sports, electronic mail address, degrees, honors and awards received, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell students about directory information and allow them a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not give out their directory information. To opt out, students must complete the Directory Opt Out form and submit it to the Registrar's Office no later than Friday, Week 2 of the quarter in which they are enrolled.



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FERPA-protected records are accessible only by those individuals to whom the student grants permission. Students may grant permission to access FERPA-protected records to individuals such as a parent, aunt, uncle, sibling, grandparent, spouse/partner, etc., by indicating the individual(s) name(s) and relationship to student below. Under FERPA regulations, Musicians Institute is permitted to discuss information contained in and pertaining to academic records with eligible parents of dependent students without prior consent of the student.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER FERPA FOR MUSICIANS INSTITUTE

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records.

These rights include:

- 1 The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day that Musicians Institute receives a request for access. A student should submit to the Registrar or Director of Registrar and Scheduling, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The designated official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- 2 The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to ask Musicians Institute to amend a record should write the Registrar clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed and specify why it should be changed. If Musicians Institute decides not to amend the record as requested, the student will be notified in writing of the decision as well as the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- 3 The right to request, in writing, Musicians Institute not disclose personally identifiable information from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Musicians Institute discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the



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FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Musicians Institute in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom Musicians Institute has contracted as its agent to provide a service instead of using Musicians Institute employees or officials (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the school.

- 4 The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Musicians Institute to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office

US Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-5901

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code).

These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) includes provisions that are designed to reduce the illegal uploading and downloading of copyrighted material through peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing. These provisions include requirements that:



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- institutions certify to the Secretary of Education that they have developed plans to “effectively combat” the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material;
- institutions make an annual disclosure that informs students that the illegal distribution of copyrighted materials may subject them to criminal and civil penalties and describes the steps that institutions will take to detect and punish illegal distribution of copyrighted materials;
- institutions publicize alternatives to illegal file sharing

This document outlines Musician Institute’s plan to comply with these requirements.

PLANS TO “EFFECTIVELY COMBAT” THE UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL

Musicians Institute currently employs bandwidth-shaping technology to prioritize network traffic, and blocks students’ ability to access these sites from the student computer networks.

Musicians Institute responds promptly to legitimate notices or letters of illegal copyright infringement based on the requirements of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and directs both our Information Technology and Compliance departments to investigate and respond.

SANCTIONS

Musicians Institute will cooperate fully with any investigation by public authorities related to illegally downloaded copyrighted information. Students found guilty will be subject to the full extent of fines and penalties imposed, as well as facing automatic loss of Musicians Institute network access, and possible suspension.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorney fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U S Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov, especially their FAQs at www.copyright.gov/help/faq5.



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MAINTENANCE OF THIS PLAN

Musicians Institute will review this plan each year to insure it is current and maintains the appropriate and necessary information to effectively combat illegal file sharing, as well as update the methods employed as new technological deterrents become available.

STUDENT GUEST POLICY

MI is private property, and permission to enter is subject to rules and regulations established by management. MI reserves the right to deny entry or remove visitors from MI property at any time.

MI's facilities are equipped and maintained for the benefit of currently enrolled students. No one other than currently enrolled students, currently employed staff, or approved vendors is permitted to enter MI facilities for any purpose except as noted below.

GENERAL POLICY

MI's general facility entrance policy is as follows:

- 1 While in the MI building, all students must display valid MI ID at all times
- 2 Security will deny entry or remove anyone who does not display valid ID or is not listed on an approved Security Permission Form
- 3 All guests must sign in and out at the Security desk
- 4 Guests will be required to leave bags, parcels, and instruments at the Security Desk while in the building except under the specific conditions noted below
- 5 Students are responsible for the behavior of their guests while in the building

LOST/MISPLACED ID POLICY

- 5 Lost IDs must be replaced immediately. Replacement IDs can be purchased from the Registrar's Office for 10.00
- 6 Students who misplace their IDs must go to the McCadden entrance Security Desk to receive a temporary ID before they will be permitted to enter the building

STUDENT GUESTS

Student guests are permitted to enter the building only under the following conditions:

GUEST PERFORMERS ON "NON-MI" INSTRUMENTS



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Players who perform on instruments not taught at MI (e.g., saxophone, trumpet, harmonica, violin) are permitted to enter MI with their instruments for the purpose of participating in student performances, recording sessions, and related rehearsals. A Security Permission Form must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance and approved by the Security Manager.

GUEST PERFORMERS FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE JURY AND ARRANGING CLASSES

Non-student guitarists, bassists, drummers, keyboard players and vocalists may enter MI with their instruments for the specific purpose of participating in jury performances, arranging sessions or related rehearsals for currently enrolled bachelor's degree program students. A Security Permission Form must be approved by the Dean of the Degree Program and submitted to the Security Manager at least 24 hours in advance.

GUEST PERFORMERS ON AUDIO ENGINEERING, INDEPENDENT ARTIST RECORDING PROJECTS AND ARTIST DEVELOPMENT

Non-student musicians may enter MI with their instruments for the specific purpose of participating in final recording projects with currently enrolled Audio Engineering (Independent Artist Development) students.

Audio Engineering sessions: The Security Manager must approve a Security Permission Form 24 hours in advance.

Independent Artist sessions: A Security Permission Form must be approved by the Security Manager Independent Artist Program and submitted 24 hours in advance to the Security Manager.

Artist Development (M-500, M-501) students should pick up a copy of the Artist Development Guidelines in Registrar's Office or from Program Director.

STUDENT FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Students may invite family or friends to visit MI facilities during business hours (8:30AM-5:00PM) by submitting a completed Security Request Form to the Security Manager. Requests will be approved on a limited, case-by-case basis. Student family and friends may not bring instruments into the building and may not participate in classes, open counseling, recording sessions, LPWs or other MI activities.

ALUMNI

Alumni status is granted to those who officially graduate from MI with a certificate or diploma. Following graduation, Alumni will be eligible to apply for one year of limited access to MI Library and practice facilities. Audio Engineering alumni must obtain approval in advance from the Chair of the Audio Engineering Program before being permitted to use recording facilities. To obtain an Alumni ID badge, complete an "Alumni Access Request Form," available in the Registrar's Office, after graduation, and submit it for approval. All approved Alumni must possess a valid Alumni ID badge to enter the building. Alumni may not bring guests into the building.



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WITHDRAWING OR TERMINATED STUDENTS

Students who withdraw or are terminated from any MI program prior to completion are not permitted to enter the building for any reason except pre-arranged administrative appointments for one year following their date of withdrawal or termination.

“HOLDS”

For various reasons, a hold is sometimes placed on an individual student’s right to enter the building Access is denied until an administrator officially clears the reason for the hold.

STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE

The Student Affairs Office (SA) is here to provide support and guidance during your transition to MI and throughout the length of your program. Our mission is to ensure you have access to the resources you need to be a successful student. Our dedicated staff is committed to assisting you with any issues which may arise as you familiarize yourself with your new environment. The Student Affairs Office offers a wide range of services, including:

- Personal counseling
- Referrals to health insurance providers/medical facilities
- Tutor requests (Common Core Subject Only)
- Enrollment Status Change and Academic Requests
- Special accommodations
- Service animal accommodations
- Online book access
- Non-Linear Educating (Ask Video) access
- Music Prodigy Access
- Pilates/Yoga classes

All students with questions or concerns are encouraged to stop by our office. If we can’t assist you directly, we will help you find someone who can. We’re here to help!

THE BOOK

“The Book”, available on your Student Portal, is your guide to Los Angeles. We have compiled contact information and listings for everything from restaurants to medical clinics to



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museums and other places of interest. If you are new to the area, "The Book" is a great introduction to all that Los Angeles has to offer.

GENERAL SERVICES

MI Direct Housing & Referral Services:

APARTMENT VACANCY LISTING SERVICE

Apartment listings are updated weekly in the Admissions office, they include areas within 2mi radius from school as well as the San Fernando Valley near metro stations. Rental prices from these listings average from \$700.00 to \$2,100.00 per month. Special considerations, such as number of bedrooms, proximity to public transportation or public services, freeway access, onsite laundry facilities or pet policies are included in these listings. That gives you a wide range of opportunity in searching for a place to live.

ROOMMATE REFERRAL SERVICE

This is your first step in networking at Musicians Institute. If you are looking to connect with one of your fellow students and share an apartment, this list contains your potential roommate's name, place of residence, arrival date, phone number, email address and personal preferences. By filling out our Roommate Questionnaire, you too can be added to the Roommate Referral list which is available exclusively for incoming MI students, current MI students, and MI alumni in good standing. This list is sent to you by e-mail and Musicians Institute is bound to protect the privacy of the students contained in this list. No information from the Roommate Referral list will be shared with any individuals or organizations without expressed written consent. Please report any changes or discrepancies to MI Housing Department immediately.

STUDENT HOUSING GUIDE

This book is a tool that helps you with understanding how the MI Housing Assistance & Roommate Referral Services operate and provides tips for living in Los Angeles. The contents of this book are very informative, providing information on hotels and hostels, frequently asked questions, along with guidelines for moving into or out of your apartment and budgeting tips. The Housing Guide also has a great list of apartments, management companies that we have relationships with (meaning buildings that most of our current and alumni students live in). They understand how our school operates and most of all they will welcome you with open arms.



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TRANSPORTATION

We can provide the application and required enrollment verification letter for the Metro Reduced Fare Monthly Pass, which allows students unlimited rides on Metro busses and trains for the entire month. We keep routes/schedules for all Metro Rail lines and multiple Metro Bus lines in the SA office. We can also provide students who commute via Metrolink commuter trains with additional information on obtaining discounted student tickets and transferring to Metro Rail lines. For students commuting by car, we provide a map of local parking lots and daily parking rates as well as information on lots offering discounted monthly parking passes. Please stop by the Student Affairs Office for more details.

HEALTH INSURANCE

MI recommends that you maintain your own health insurance coverage, though we understand that it is not always a possibility (Note: non-US citizens are required by law to obtain health insurance prior to enrolling in school. Please see the International Student Affairs Office for further information). For students seeking health insurance coverage, we suggest researching policies online through a website like ehealthinsurance.com. For students without health insurance, we can refer you to area medical clinics and state- and county-funded facilities for low-cost and/or no-cost medical treatment.

PERSONAL COUNSELING

Our staff counselor is available weekly, free of charge, for half-hour and hour-long sessions. Sessions can be reserved by appointment or on a walk-in basis. Please stop by the Student Affairs office if you have questions or want to schedule an appointment.

TUTORING

Students who would like additional academic assistance may submit a tutor request form to the Student Affairs Office. Tutor sessions are provided free of charge. Tutors will be assigned based on their availability, and the sessions are arranged around the tutor and student's schedules. Tutors and students will meet for a one-hour session, once a week for two weeks. Additional sessions may be requested after completing the second session. After the student confirms the tutor session, attendance is mandatory unless the student notifies the tutor coordinator in advance. Students who miss a tutor session without giving prior notification will be temporarily prohibited from requesting tutor sessions.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

MI offers nightly door-to-door shuttle service for the convenience and safety of our students. Shuttle operating hours are 5:00PM-2:30AM (Monday-Friday) and 10:00PM-1:00AM



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(Saturday & Sunday). Shuttle departs from MI's McCadden Place entrance on the half-hour. Service area is limited to a 2-mile radius of the MI campus. Please see the McCadden Place entrance security desk for more information on the shuttle service.

The Student Affairs staff, along with everyone else at MI, is dedicated to providing you with a healthy, safe and productive experience while you're in school. Thousands of MI graduates all over the world look back on their time here as the best time of their lives, and we will do everything we can to make sure that's true for you, too. Good luck and have a great journey!

SPECIAL STUDENT EVENTS

MI provides a regular schedule of entertainment and recreational events to make your stay at MI not only productive, but fun! Please check the campus bulletin boards, your MI student e-mail address and your student Portal regularly for events updates.

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF MI

Musicians Institute is a veritable gold mine of opportunity and information, and as it is with most things in life, there is a direct relationship between what you put into it and what you get out of it. We regard you as a mature individual who has shown the desire to make it as a creative professional, and we are prepared to equip you with the tools you need to accomplish your goals and show you how to get there as quickly and efficiently as possible.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

Professional success comes from a combination of skills and attitude. The best opportunities almost always come about through personal contacts and recommendations, and you are establishing those contacts NOW. Your fellow students, teachers and staff are your peer group—professional musicians with whom you are associating with everyday and who will influence your career for years to come. Make sure that your conduct speaks well of you. Treat everyone as you would like to be treated.

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF

Maintain a healthy diet, exercise, and take time to enjoy a social life. Drug and alcohol abuse have ruined many promising careers and have no place in your development as a serious



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professional. Set reasonable goals for yourself. Organize and manage your time and materials. Don't leave your instruments or valuables lying around the campus. Use and follow your own good common sense.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The mission of the Career Development Office (CDO) is to keep students informed of the many professional opportunities available in the music industry, to help prepare them to take advantage of these opportunities, and to make the transition from student to working professional as smooth as possible.

MI CONNECTS

MI Connects, MI's online talent and opportunity resource, is an exclusive service for current and former students. The Career Development Office receives frequent calls from talent scouts, managers, producers, booking agents, A&R representatives, potential music students, and studio managers who require the services of trained musicians and engineers. All members can post profiles including mp3 links, photos, videos, and résumés to the MI Connects online database. Members also gain access to online job boards, a search engine exclusive to MI Connects, and a community forum.

Gig opportunities are posted regularly on MI Connects job boards on the website and in school. Listings range from paying gigs, to original bands showcasing for record labels, to signed artists auditioning or replacing band members.

For audio engineers, opportunities range from intern and runner positions to first engineer jobs in both audio and post-production facilities. You may also receive referrals for teaching and other musical opportunities in the LA area and beyond. All students/alumni are highly encouraged to stay connected via MI Connects because the contacts and networking opportunities remain equally important in the years after graduation — many of MI's success stories have come about because former students stayed in touch with each other and MI. Information about registering for MI Connects is available at <http://connects.mi.edu/>.

**MI offers no guarantee that professional employment will result from registering with the MI Connects or from enrolling in, attending, or completing any MI program. MI reserves the right to alter the features of or to interrupt or cancel operation of MI Connects at any time without prior notice.*

WORKSHOPS

A variety of career-related workshops and seminars are offered by CDO throughout the year. Students and alumni are encouraged to participate in as many events as possible in order to enhance their career development and maintain a strong network.



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RÉSUMÉ, COVER LETTER, EPK AND MOCK INTERVIEW SERVICES

CDO staff is available to help students and alumni develop and polish their résumés, EPKs, interview skills, cover letters and promotional material.

AUDITION WORKSHOPS + MOCK AUDITIONS

Each quarter, audition workshops train students and alumni in the fundamental techniques necessary to gain a competitive edge. The Audition Workshop is Step 1- what to expect at a profession audition. The Mock Audition is Step 2- student/alumni prepare material for a mock audition and their performance is critiqued by the instructor.

CAREER COUNSELING (MOBILE.MI.EDU)

Private career counseling sessions are available to all MI students and alumni. Students/alumni meet one-on-one with top industry professionals who provide personalized advice on career options and how to prepare for life as a professional.

INTERNSHIPS

The CDO Internship Program provides MI students with first-hand experience in the music industry through internship positions in music-related companies such as music publishers, recording studios, artist managers, record labels, and marketing firms Internships are for college credit and enrolled students only (students in the Music Business Program are required to complete an internship while Common Course and Audio Engineering majors are able to sign up to be interviewed and considered for the elective program).

*MI provides no guarantee regarding the future availability of internships at specific companies or in specific positions. Placement is subject to availability and student qualifications.

LOCKERS

Lockers are available on campus, sign up in the CDO office. All lockers must be shared between two students, come with the person you'll be sharing a locker with and the lock you'll be using.

COMPLAINTS

Come talk to us if there is an issue - we want to hear from you and make your MI experience the best possible.



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TRANSPORTATION

We can help you arrange transportation from LAX Airport to Hollywood Metro passes (discount TAP card applications) are available too.

DISCOUNTED ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS

Discounted tickets to Universal Studios Hollywood, Six Flags Magic Mountain & Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, AMC Movie Theatres, The Taxi Rally, ASCAP "I Create Music Expo," NAMM, GrammyU, and more.

STUDENT WORKERS

Interested in working on campus? Fill out an application to get the process started in Weeks 1-4 of each quarter NOTE: Employment is not guaranteed.

PHONE CHARGING STATION

Forget your charger? We have a charging station here, so you can power up.



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MI LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open and staffed during the following hours (subject to change):

Monday – Friday	11:00 am - 8:00pm PST
Email	nashvillelibrary@mi.edu
Main Phone	615-333-9423
Library Services Director	323-860-1159

Remember that while you are using the library to respect the space and the other users so that everyone gets the most from their experience. Please be advised that food and drink are not permitted in the library and that noise levels should be kept at an appropriate level--taking other students into consideration.

Video, Audio, Text and other Resources

The Library makes available a wide variety of books, DVDs, magazines, and equipment.

Circulation

To check out items from the library, follow these steps:

Look up the item of your choice on <http://portal.mi.edu/library>, write the call number down (which is located in the item record) and hand the Library Services Staff member your ID badge. For equipment you will need to leave a second photo ID as collateral behind the front desk.

When the Library Services Staff member has your selection, he/she will scan the item(s) and your ID into the library system. He/she will return your student ID card when this is completed. You may borrow a maximum of three different items at a time (exceptions may apply).

Circulation Policies

The MI Library Nashville provides books, DVDs, periodicals, instruments, and equipment to MI faculty, staff, and students. The rules and restrictions below are created to ensure equal and adequate usage for all students and staff and apply to all Library patrons.

MI Databases

[Alexander Street Press Scores, Print Reference, Video Audio](#)

[Overdrive eBooks, Audio MP3 Books, Streamed Video](#)

[Oxford Grove Dictionary of American Music](#)

[Oxford Grove Music Online](#)

[JSTOR Music](#)

[Pollstar Pro](#)

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[Boopsie App](#)

[LibGuides Website and Subject Guides](#)

[OCLC Discovery System](#)



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MI Print Services

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Service and Emotional Support Animal Policy

Musicians Institute (MI) is committed to maintaining a creative campus environment that is safe, open, and accessible to all its community members, including students, employees, and visitors. As such, MI abides by the following policy regarding pet, service animals, and emotional support animals on campus.

For Employee Accommodations: mary.marsh@mi.edu

For Service Animal Accommodations: studentaffairs@mi.edu

For Support Animal & Campus Housing Accommodations: housing@mi.edu

For Students and Visitors on Campus

Permitted Animals: For students and visitors, only Service Animals are permitted in areas where dogs are permitted on campus. This means that a student or visitor may be accompanied by a Service Animal wherever the student or visitor would otherwise be permitted to be on campus. A Service Animal is any dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. Examples of such work or tasks include, but are not limited to: guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals in training are included in the definition of service animals for the purpose of this policy. If you intend to bring a Service Animal on campus, please send an email to studentaffairs@mi.edu notifying MI of your intent to do so.

Animals NOT Permitted: The following are not Service Animals and are not permitted on campus: (1) non-dog animals, except in some cases a miniature horse may qualify as a service animal; (2) animals that solely serve to deter crime; and (3) emotional support, comfort, and companion animals (i.e., pets).

Campus Housing

Permitted Animals: In campus housing, both Service Animals and Support Animals are permitted as an accommodation. For Support Animals, the Housing Office may ask if the handler has a disability and if the handler has a disability-related need for the Support Animal, in determining whether the animal will be allowed in housing areas. Students may also be asked to provide medical documentation of the disability and the disability-related need for the Support Animal. Support Animals are not allowed in any other buildings on MI property, nor are they allowed in other controlled spaces on campus, such as classrooms, computer labs, the library, and offices.

To request an accommodation for a Support Animal OR Service Animal to reside with a student in MI residential housing, please send an email to housing@mi.edu for application information.



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For Employees on Campus

Permitted Animals: Employees and applicants for employment may have a Service Animal at work and may also have a Support Animal as a reasonable accommodation. Support Animals are animals that provide emotional support, comfort, or security for the benefit of a person with a disability, or that alleviate one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability.

Permitted Inquiries: An employee requesting a reasonable accommodation related to a Service Animal or a Support Animal may be asked to provide documentation explaining why the employee requires an animal in the workplace. All inquiries must be handled through Human Resources, as they may involve confidential medical information. Please send an email to mary.marsh@mi.edu if you would like further information regarding a reasonable accommodation request.

Responsibilities for All Service and Support Animals

For the handler of a Service or Support Animal, MI expects the following:

1. Must attend to and be in full control of the Service or Support Animal at all times, including all care and supervision.
2. Keep the animal under control at all times, e.g., through use of a harness, leash, tether, or voice control, depending upon the task/work performed.
3. Must assure that the animal is free from offensive odors and does not display any behaviors or noises that are unduly disruptive to others.
4. Must remove or arrange for removal of any animal waste.
5. Must assure that the animal does not engage in behavior that endangers the health or safety of others.
6. Is financially responsible for the animal's actions, including any bodily or property damage, or cleaning costs.
7. Must comply with all local government codes and regulations, including requirements for vaccinations and licensing.
8. Is encouraged, but not required, to have the animal wear some type of Service Animal or Support Animal identification.

For MI students, employees, and visitors, MI expects the following:

1. Must allow Service and Support Animals to accompany the handler, as permitted under this policy.



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2. Must not touch (without the permission of the handler), feed, harass, or deliberately startle Service or Support Animals.
3. Must not attempt to separate the animal from the handler.
4. Should not discuss the handler's disability.

Removal of a Service Animal or Support Animal

MI may request the removal of a Service Animal or Support Animal for the following reasons:

1. If the animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control the animal.
2. If the animal is not house-trained.
3. If the animal poses a substantial and direct threat to the health and safety of others, and the threat cannot be eliminated by a reasonable accommodation.
4. If the animal would cause substantial physical damage to the property of others, which cannot be reduced or eliminated by a reasonable accommodation.
5. If the handler provides information that indicates that animal is not actually a Service Animal or a Support Animal, unless animals are otherwise allowed in the area.

Failure to comply with any of the above rules will be considered an infraction. A student's rehearsal privileges may be suspended for up to two weeks after infractions. Total loss of rehearsal privileges and eventual expulsion may result from recurring violations.

Please refer to the current Course Catalog and its addenda for the most up-to-date information on the policies, procedures, etc. described in the preceding pages.

Please be aware that additions and changes to the Catalog occur frequently. Please visit <https://nashville.mi.edu/wp-content/catalog/GCA-Nashville-course-catalog.pdf> for updates and announcements.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this document, its use, rationale or mutability, please contact MI.



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Thank you for reading this Student Handbook. These rules and guidelines have been created with one goal in mind: To provide the maximum opportunity for all students to use our facilities in a positive atmosphere, as fairly as possible. Please help us to maintain this environment for the benefit of everyone.

We hope you have a fun and successful time at MUSICIANS INSTITUTE!

—The MI Staff, Faculty and Leadership