

Music Performance
Spring 2025
School of Music
University of Florida

MVO 6460 / Organ

*Weekly **required** meeting times:*

Studio Class: TBD (University Auditorium or MUB 332)

Individual Applied Lesson: TBD

Individual Practice Sessions: TBD

Instructor: Dr. Laura Ellis, 326 MUB
Phone: 352-273-3181; E-mail: lrellis@ufl.edu
Office Hours: TBD
(office hours will be announced following the scheduling of all applied lessons)

Interim Auditorium Manager: Daniel Villamil Auditorium Phone: 352-392-2346
E-mail: dvillamil@performingarts.ufl.edu

REQUIRED TEXTS

Throughout the course of the semester, the student may be required to purchase literature relevant to their level of expertise.

PURPOSES AND GOALS

Applied lessons are designed to provide the student with a solid foundation in pedal and keyboard techniques. The course of study will include technical exercises and representative literature.

ATTENDANCE

STUDIO AND LESSON ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS. Students are required to attend virtual studio class and lessons and are responsible for all information presented or assigned. Attendance will be taken and participation in class is greatly encouraged. Predicted absenteeism should be discussed with the instructor no less than one week prior to the event. Any student missing studio class for any reason is responsible for getting information and handouts from a fellow student, not the instructor. Tardiness and leaving early will affect attendance record.

If you must be absent, please contact me prior to lesson or studio time:

Phone: 352-273-3181; E-mail: lrellis@ufl.edu

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Weekly Lesson Grade:	---	60%
Practice Hours:	---	20%
Project:	---	15%
Jury Sheet:	---	5%

GRADING SCALE

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points may be found here:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>

Requirements for attendance and other work in this course are consistent with university policies:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

JOURNAL

All students taking applied carillon lessons are encouraged to record their progress in a "Goal Journal." This journal will list daily, as well as long-term goals. Entries in your journal will be a constant reminder to keep you focused on your short- and

long-term goals. Maintain a separate notebook for this journal and be prepared to bring it to each lesson! Seven areas should be recorded:

- 1) Long-range Goals --- Five to Ten Years
- 2) Medium-range Goals --- One to Five Years
- 3) Short-range Goals --- Two to Fifteen Weeks
- 4) This Week's Goals
- 5) Today's Goals
- 6) Next Week's Goals
- 7) Practice Log

*As time goes by and various goals are met -- make sure to keep your journal up to date. Add new pages -- put a line through goals that have been achieved -- but don't throw out your old lists.

*Your long-term goals may change -- update them. This journal is for your use and growth. ***Items #3, #4, #5, and #7 are the goals that will allow us **to use your lesson time most efficiently**. If these goals are clear, you will find that you will soon be identifying the problem areas and making progress toward solving them. Bring your journal to your lesson every week.

For more information about journals and their effectiveness, read The Inner Game of Music, by Barry Green with W. Timothy Gallwey (Doubleday, 1986). While the entire book is useful for music performance, chapter 5, entitled "The Power of Will" can encourage all of us to use our time wisely. **ML850 .G73 1986**

WEEKLY LESSON GRADE

The following elements will be assessed to determine the weekly lesson grade:

- 1) Attendance at weekly lessons
- 2) Attendance at tower practice sessions
- 3) Attendance of monthly recital series
- 4) Progress on assigned literature and exercises
- 5) Development of technique
- 6) Studio class attendance and participation
- 7) Performance on daily and/or concert series
- 8) Journal
- 9)

JURY

All students will be expected to present a jury at the end of the semester. Literature will be determined in consultation with the instructor. Prepare for the jury at up to 10 minutes of your harpsichord performance. Keyboard juries will occur on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025**.

JURY SHEET

At the end of the semester, all students will be required to turn in a jury sheet that outlines the achievements of the semester. The jury sheet will contain the following items:

- 1) jury sheet outlining achievements of the current semester
- 2) repertoire sheet
 - a. don't forget to list date of performance in studio or recital
 - b. if you have prior study on the carillon, please make this a cumulative repertoire sheet.

Literature will be determined in consultation with the instructor. **Jury Sheets must be submitted to Dr. Ellis no later than 5PM on Monday, April 21, 2025.**

COURSE EVALUATION

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

ACCOMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The Conduct Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. [Click here to read the Conduct Code](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

DIGITAL STUDENT COMMUNICATION AND EXPECTATION

The preferred communication method between faculty member and students enrolled in this course is via the UFL-mail system. Please send e-mails to me at: lellis@arts.ufl.edu or LREllis@ufl.edu via your ufl.edu e-mail. I will endeavor to respond to all school related e-mails within 24 hours. Should you need assistance resolving technical issues, contact the UF Help Desk (<https://helpdesk.ufl.edu>) or call 352-392-4357.

IN-CLASS RECORDING

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit www.umatter.ufl.edu to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center:

Visit www.counseling.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit www.shcc.ufl.edu.

University Police Department: Visit www.police.ufl.edu/ or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; www.ufhealth.org/emergency-room-trauma-center.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk (www.helpdesk.ufl.edu), 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services. www.career.ufl.edu/

Library Support: <https://afa.uflib.ufl.edu> various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. www.teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

www.writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/

Student Complaints On-Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>

On-Line Students Complaints: www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process/

Additional Course Fees: \$1.00