

WCM Tuition Policy

Tuition and fees must be paid, or payments must be arranged with the Wausau Conservatory of Music (WCM), before a student begins a lesson, class or ensemble. Students are not considered registered until payment has been made. Tuition is charged for the full semester; however, payment plans are available. All additional fees are non-refundable.

We are committed to working with students of all economic means and offer financial assistance and scholarships for students.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition at Wausau Conservatory of Music is typically calculated for the full 17-week semester. However, we will accept new students at any time. We recognize that music education can require financial planning. WCM payment plans permit families to budget payments for tuition. Financial aid and/or scholarships may also be available. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions. Tuition and fees must be paid, or a payment plan agreed to, before a student may begin a lesson, class, or ensemble.

Visit our Tuition Assistance webpage to learn more.

Individual Lesson Tuition Rates*

Lesson Length	Per Lesson	Per Semester (17 weeks)
30 minutes	\$40.00	\$680.00
45 minutes	\$60.00	\$1,020.00
60 minutes	\$80.00	\$1,360.00

Lesson lengths are typically recommended by staff and faculty and determined by the student's age, level and readiness.

Fees

All fees are non-refundable.

Payment Plan Fee: \$15 once per family, per semester, for selecting a payment plan. All payment plans MUST be set up on automatic deductions for future payments.

Payment Plan Late Fee: \$25 for any payments received after the specified payment plan deadlines.

Returned Check Fee: \$25 for a returned check payment

Payment

WCM accepts payment by mail, in person or on our website. We can accept cash, check and all major credit cards. Charges may appear on your statement "ASAP" or "Connexpoint" while the charge is in the pending state. The name of the charge will be updated to "ACT-WausauConservatory" after the charge is fully processed.

****The deadline to pay for the fall semester is October 1. The deadline to pay for the spring semester is February 1st. Students who register after semester is underway have 30 days to pay from registration date. A late fee of \$50.00 will be added to the overdue account.

Payment Processing Surcharge

A surcharge of 3.5% will be applied to all online payments by the electronic payment processor. Cash and checks are accepted as payment by the office for no additional fees.

Payment Options

Pay in Full	One payment	Full Payment due at registration, before the first lesson of the semester. (No later than Oct. 1 for fall semester or Feb. 1 for spring semester, or 30 days after mid-semester registration).
Split Payment Plan	Two payments*	First payment due at registration. Second Payment due Oct. 15 for fall semester, or Mar. 15 for spring semester, adjusting for mid-semester registration. Automatic withdrawals may be arranged.
Monthly Payment Plan	Four payments*	First payment due at registration. Subsequent payments are due on the last Friday of each month of the semester. Automatic withdrawals may be arranged.

***Payment plan fee is due upon initializing any payment plans**

Failure to Pay

The Wausau Conservatory of Music will suspend instruction when students do not meet their financial obligations and payments. If we suspend instruction, students are still liable for the full cost of instruction. Tuition credit or make-up lessons are not given as a result of lessons missed due to suspension.

Withdrawals and Refunds

A withdrawal is considered the discontinuation of any or all studies at the Conservatory. All requests for withdrawals must be submitted, in writing or by email, to the registrar before any student will be considered withdrawn. Verbal requests or notification of intention to withdraw made directly to a student's instructor do not fulfill this requirement. The date on which the written withdrawal is received by the Conservatory, not the last date of attendance, is considered as the official date of withdrawal. Tuition refunds for classes will be considered when written notice of withdrawal is received. Refunds because of a student's withdrawal are for tuition only. The registration fee is non-refundable. Complete refunds (including the registration fee) will be issued only if a class is canceled by the Conservatory or the instructor.

Withdrawal from Classes

100 percent of the tuition is refundable if the student withdraws before classes or lessons begin; 75 percent of the tuition is refundable during the first week; 50% during the second week; and 25 percent during the third week of the semester. Any exceptions to this policy can be determined by the Executive Director.

Withdrawal from Individual Instruction

All students are expected to attend scheduled lessons. Failure to attend scheduled lessons will result in forfeit of the missed lesson and fees paid for the lesson. A student who wishes to withdraw from individual instruction must give the Registrar's office two weeks written (or email) notice. The student is responsible for payment for those two lessons and may attend them if he or she chooses. Informing a teacher of intent to withdraw does not constitute adequate notice to the Conservatory. If proper notification has been received, the student will be refunded for any lessons remaining beyond the two-week notification period.

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THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS: Please note that the primary account holder is responsible for submitting invoices to third party payors (homeschool groups, school associations, grandparents, etc.), and is responsible for ensuring timely payment on the account. WCM will not bill third parties.