



About Us

The Eastman Community Music School offers music lessons, ensembles, classes, and workshops to community members of all ages and backgrounds. With 150 teachers – including a top-notch mix of artist-educators, collegiate faculty, and Eastman undergraduate and graduate students – ECMS serves approximately 1,600 community members during the school year and hundreds more each summer. From pre-school and early childhood programs to college prep and diploma programs to adult ensembles and classes, **ECMS nurtures and inspires students at all levels.**

Offerings

Within each age group, ECMS offerings are divided into lessons, classes, and ensembles.



PRIVATE LESSONS are available on all instruments and in voice, composition, and jazz improvisation with ECMS instructors and interns. For most instrumentalists, the recommended age for beginning private study is age 7.

Pianists and violinists may start at a younger age; for vocalists, the recommended age is about 10. **Most ECMS faculty now offer Virtual Lessons!**



GROUP CLASSES include a variety of topics from early childhood music classes to music theory, aural skills, technology, and history, to group voice and instrument instruction.



ENSEMBLES provide students with opportunities to rehearse, create, and perform music together in a supportive, nurturing, and inspiring environment. While most ensembles can be taken with or without concurrent private instruction, they offer a venue for students to apply the skills learned in individual lessons to collaborative music making.

Tuition and Fees

REGISTRATION FEES



A nonrefundable registration fee of \$15 per semester will be charged to all students on the first bill of each semester, except those in Bridges and Early Childhood Music classes. These fees help to offset the cost of ECMS staffing, security and ID cards, concert recording and live-streaming, and accompanist services.

PRIVATE LESSONS



Lesson prices vary based on the length of lesson and whether studying with instructors or interns. Tuition for all ECMS offerings, including lessons, is billed by the semester. Fall and Spring semesters are 17 weeks long each.

	Lesson length	Cost per semester (Private Lessons)	Any Single Class or Ensemble (with lessons)	Two or more concurrent 17-week classes/ensembles (with lessons)
Instructor rates	½ hour	\$566	10% off list price of class/ ensemble	15% off list prices of classes/ ensembles
	¾ hour	\$838		
	1 hour	\$1,050		
Intern rates	½ hour	\$407		
	¾ hour	\$590		
	1 hour	\$732		

CLASSES AND ENSEMBLES



ECMS is proud to offer a full breadth and depth of course offerings, which



comprise a complete musical education. This variety is the Eastman Advantage, which we

support through our Diploma Program and through course discounts for students enrolled in private lessons. View our online course listings for details.

Students! Receive an additional
25% off
FUNDAMENTAL MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES
Must be enrolled in lessons to receive discount.
(value of approx. \$100 off!)

Additional Discounts



FAMILY DISCOUNT

For multiple students residing in the same household, ECMS will waive registration fees for the second and subsequent student(s). Students must indicate family members' names on the registration form or send an email to community@esm.rochester.edu.



UR TUITION WAIVERS

University of Rochester employees and their dependent children may be eligible to receive a **25% tuition waiver** off ECMS tuition. Tuition waivers are good for one year from July 1 to June 30, and must be renewed annually. For complete details, please consult the University of Rochester Human Resources webpage. The Benefits Office makes all determinations regarding eligibility.



FREE MUSICIANSHIP CLASSES FOR ENROLLMENTS IN CHILDREN'S CHORUSES

Elementary musicianship classes are **free** for Eastman Young Children's Chorus and Eastman Children's Chorus members in grades 2 through 8. These classes are conveniently scheduled back-to-back, with teachers leading students between the classes on the "chorus train." Students in Children's Chorus who complete all levels of Elementary Musicianship may go on to take Fundamental Musicianship: Dalcroze and Fundamental Musicianship: Theory & Aural Skills 1 free of charge.



NEW HORIZONS DISCOUNTS

Those registered in a core ensemble receive a **25% discount** on all other New Horizons Ensembles. Core ensembles include Green Band, Concert and Symphonic Band, Green Strings, Full Orchestra, Advanced String Orchestra, Chorus, Big Band, and New Horizons Jazz Ensemble. **New Horizons tuition is FREE for those who are 90 or older.**

Snowbird Policy: New Horizons members who are gone four or more consecutive months during the winter are asked to notify the ECMS office by December, and they will be billed for the fall semester only. All are welcome to attend rehearsals for the balance of the school year at no additional charge when they return. Complete policy details are available at www.esm.rochester.edu/community/programs/newhorizons



Scholarships



Financial assistance for regular academic year study is available to ECMS students for lessons, classes and ensembles. Assistance is awarded on the combined basis of merit and financial need, with preference given to students enrolled in the diploma program. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year, but awards are determined twice each year after August 1 and December 1 deadlines. Applications are available online at www.esm.rochester.edu/community/tuition or by emailing community@esm.rochester.edu, or by calling the office: (585) 274-1400.



FREE ENSEMBLES

Thanks to the generosity of ECMS donors, we are able to offer the following ensembles tuition-free*:

- Honors Chamber Ensembles (Winds, Brass, Strings, Krusenstjerna Scholarship Flute Choir) are free of charge to students who successfully audition for and are placed in these groups.
- Honors Large Ensembles (Eastman Youth Chamber Singers and Eastman Youth Jazz Orchestra) are free of charge to students who successfully audition for and are placed in these groups, and are simultaneously enrolled in private lessons.
- Area music teachers may register for the following free ensembles: Music Educators Jazz Ensemble, Music Educators String Ensemble, Music Educators Wind Ensemble.

**Please note that free ensembles are subject to the normal registration fees of \$15 per semester.*

Financial Policies

Billing: Bills are mailed before the beginning of each semester, and are due on the 10th of the following month. Subsequent outstanding balances will be assessed a monthly fee of 1% of the amount past due. The University of Rochester Bursar's Office places holds on accounts with balances equal to or greater than \$100. These holds prevent students from registering for additional courses until tuition is paid. Payment can be made online, in person, or by mail. We accept check, cash, and VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit cards.

Missed lessons and make-up policy: Students are charged for all activities for which they register, including those missed through student absence. As a courtesy, students are expected to notify their teachers of any impending absences. Instructors may offer make-up lessons, but they are not obligated to do so. If a teacher is absent for a lesson, a make-up will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time, or a substitute may teach the lesson. Missed music theory classes can be made up by attending alternate sections of the same class with permission of the instructor.

Class cancellation policy: All classes are subject to cancellation if under-enrolled. Cancellations will occur by the end of the third week of the session. Classes or rehearsals cancelled due to weather or other emergencies are generally not made up or refunded.

Withdrawal and Refunds

Any request to withdraw must be made online at: www.esm.rochester.edu/community/withdraw

Private Lessons: Students who state their intention to withdraw before the beginning of the term will receive 100% refund or tuition credit (Fall: Sep. 8, 2020; Spring: Jan. 23, 2021). 50% refund or tuition credit will be granted when notification is received before the end of the sixth week (Fall: Oct. 20, 2020; Spring: Mar. 13, 2021).

Classes or Ensembles: Students who withdraw during the first three weeks of a semester will receive 100% refund or tuition credit (Fall: Sept. 29, 2020; Spring: Feb. 13, 2021). Those who withdraw during the fourth to sixth week of classes will receive 50% credit or refund. Students receive no refund if they drop after the sixth week of classes (Fall: Oct. 20, 2020; Spring: Mar. 13, 2021).

Early Childhood Classes: Because of the popularity of these classes and the competition for placement, full refunds will be made only if notification of withdrawal is received at least one week prior to the start of the session. After that time, no refund will be made.

In extreme cases involving serious illness, death, or relocation, arrangements for credit, or refund can be made at the discretion of the Associate Dean.



How to Register

ALL STUDENTS REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.esm.rochester.edu/community/registration

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

Early Childhood

- September 7, 2020 (Fall Session)
- December 20, 2020 (Winter Session)
- March 8, 2021 (Spring Session)

Group Classes and Ensembles

- September 15, 2020

Private Lessons

- Continuing students must re-register by September 15, 2020
- New students may begin any time

Email: community@esm.rochester.edu

Call: (585) 274-1400

Visit the office at: 10 Gibbs Street, Suite 321

Reminders



FOR NEW PRIVATE LESSONS,

a teacher will contact you to schedule lessons upon receipt of your registration form.



CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

and most do not accept new students after October 1. After registering, students may simply attend the class at its scheduled time.



SOME ENSEMBLES may require

placements or auditions. Please visit our website for details.



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Calendar & Schedules

2020–21 ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR

The ECMS year aligns with that of most Rochester area public schools. For most courses, each semester contains 17 weeks of instruction.

FALL 2020

- **Wednesday, September 9**
Semester Begins
- **Tuesday, November 25 –
Sunday, November 29**
Thanksgiving Recess
- **Saturday, December 19**
Winterfest
- **Tuesday, December 22 –
Saturday, January 2**
Holiday Recess
- **Monday, January 18**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Observed
- **Saturday, January 23**
Fall Semester Ends

SPRING 2021

- **Sunday, January 24**
Spring Semester Begins
- **Monday, February 15–
Sunday, February 21**
Winter Recess
- **Monday, March 29–
Sunday, April 4**
Spring Recess
- **Tuesday, May 25–
Sunday, May 30**
Exam and Jury Recess
- **Monday, May 31**
Memorial Day Observed
- **Saturday, June 12**
Commencement and Award
Ceremony & Last Day of
Spring Semester

2020–21 RECITAL SCHEDULE*

- **ECMS Student Showcase Recitals**
feature our students sharing their best musical work. The performances are scheduled twice each month, October – May, on a Saturday or Sunday at 3:30 p.m., and are held in Eastman's Hatch Recital Hall or Kilbourn Hall.
- **ECMS General Student Recitals**
give our students a chance to perform in front of peers, friends and family and share their musical work! These recitals are scheduled once per month on Saturday or Sunday and held at 3:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. in the intimate Howard Hanson Hall.
- **Eastman@Washington Square**
Free performances on Thursdays from late October through May at 12:15 p.m. at the First Universalist Church; Corner of South Clinton and Court Streets.

*For dates and current information visit esm.rochester.edu/community/recitals

SPECIAL EVENTS*

- **Fall Events**
 - Open House & Orientation
- **Winter Events**
 - Winterfest
 - ECMS Alumni Recital
 - Russian Friendship Concert
- **Spring Events**
 - Vincent Lenti Piano Competition
 - New Horizons Spring Fling
 - Springfest
 - Side-by-Side Recital
 - Commencement & Awards Ceremony

ENROLL TODAY!
NEW GROUP CLASSES:

- Intro to Modern Band for middle school students
- Acting for Singers for high school students
- AP Music Theory online course for high school students