



Lesson Policies and Expectations for Beginners: Spring 2023

STUDIO MEMBERSHIP

Beginners may start lessons without auditioning into the studio. Once the student is able to take the beginner level audition, they are welcome to do so and officially join the studio.

Beginner lessons include:

- Assigned weekly lesson time
- Assistance in purchasing new instruments
- Participation in studio recitals and other studio activities

Full studio membership includes all of the above, plus:

- Three-ring binder with studio handouts and exercises
- Full access to all Studio Pages on my website
- Monthly studio newsletter
- Option to purchase hand-made oboe reeds

LESSON RATES

30 minutes: \$35

45 minutes: \$50

1 hour: \$65

LESSON SCHEDULING AND TUITION

Medisky Oboe Studio scheduling and invoicing are based on three terms during the year:

FALL: September - December

SPRING: January - May

SUMMER: June - August

The Spring 2023 term is from **January 5th - June 4th**, and lessons can be held in person, online, or a hybrid of the two. Student have the choice between two lesson packages:

- 1) Weekly (20 total lessons)
- 2) Three per month (15 total lessons)

INVOICING AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment Plans

1. One-time payment (due on the 5th of the first month of term)
2. Monthly (due on the 5th of each month)

Invoicing

For monthly payments, tuition will be divided evenly between the five months of the term, regardless of how many lessons occur in a given month. Additional lessons can be added at the end of a term if desired, and will be included on the final invoice of the term. If there are any unused lessons remaining at the end, they will be credited for the following term.

Payment Options

You will be invoiced based on which payment plan you select each term, and tuition payments are due by the **5th of the month**.

Here are three options for payment, listed in order of my preference:

1. **Zelle:** under drlauraoboe@gmail.com
2. **UW Credit Union MoneyLink** (for UWCU members only)
3. **Check:** bring a personal check by the 5th of the month, or have your bank issue one directly (please DO NOT mail checks)

Late Fee & Missed Payments

A late fee of \$10 will incur if tuition is not paid by the **5th of the month**. You will only receive one courtesy reminder. After that, you will receive a second invoice with the late fee included. If you miss your payment, please use one of the above options to submit payment.

Lesson Cancellation Policy

I will alert you of my scheduling conflicts as far in advance as possible. If you need to cancel a lesson, please do so at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to notify me will result in a forfeited lesson. Make up lessons can be scheduled with the online scheduler on my website (see below).

Note: Frequent cancellations affect me and other students. Students who frequently cancel their lessons may lose their lesson time for the following term, and may be removed from the studio.

Lesson Arrival & Departure

IN PERSON: The lesson time includes assembling your oboe and packing up, and students should do so carefully but efficiently. Please be mindful that the studio is part of my home, and not a shared public space. Students should arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before their scheduled lesson time. Students arriving any earlier will be asked to come back at their scheduled lesson time. Parents are welcome to wait in the living room during the student's lesson, as well as drop students off and come back. Please be aware when the lesson ends, the student leaves the house, and may be left waiting outside if parents are not on time to pick them up.

ONLINE: Your online lesson begins at the scheduled lesson time. Please be ready to join the lesson at your lesson start time, and have your oboe assembled, reeds soaked, and assigned materials out.

WEBSITE - www.lauramedisky.com

Individual Logins & Passwords

As a student of Medisky Oboe Studio, you will be given your own student portal and have access to some of the password protected areas of my website. Each student and their family members will be able to create a login and password to access your student portal. At least one person must be signed up.

Student Portals - check regularly!

Each student has a personal Student Portal where I post lessons assignments, lesson materials, reference recordings, and any other info or links relevant to oboe lessons. This page should be accessed regularly.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

Students should practice 4-6 days per week. This is a time to work on specific things we talk about in lessons, and students will learn practice techniques during lessons to help guide them. Practice time is when the most improvement takes place, and I encourage all students to be their own teacher when working at home!

How much to practice each day:

- Beginners: 15-20 minutes
- Intermediate: 30-45 minutes
- Advanced: 45-60 minutes and beyond!

What to practice each day:

- Reed Drills
- Scales
- Songs from beginning oboe book
- Additional music, as assigned

MATERIALS

You must own the following:

- Assigned music - etude books and solo repertoire
- Metronome
- Chromatic tuner

You must have the following at each lesson:

- Your oboe (students without instruments will be sent home and will forfeit the lesson)
- One working reed to play on, plus one back-up reed
- MOS binder, if applicable
- Assigned etude book and/or solo piece