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## Music Performance Certificate Program at Judson University

As part of Judson University's Demoss Center for Worship in the Performing Arts (DCWPA), the Music Performance Certificate Program offers a one- or two-year course of study for students interested in honing performance skills for advancing their professional musical careers and/or preparing for entrance into graduate music programs.

### PROGRAM DISTINCTIVES

- Dr. Sojung Lee Hong, Professor of Music, developed this innovative certificate program over 20 years ago. More than 30 students have participated, the majority of whom have been successfully admitted into master's or doctoral music programs at such notable institutions as DePaul University; Eastern, Northern, and Southern Illinois Universities; Michigan State University; Northwestern University, University of California, Los Angeles; University of Georgia; and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Certificate students have the opportunity to expand their performance skills through weekly lessons, music electives covering such topics as counterpoint and orchestration, professional apprenticeships, performance forums, and research seminars. They also receive individualized recital and audition preparation.
- Pianists have fun performing in the Piano Ensemble and/or Percussion Ensemble, bringing the joy of music to area churches, nursing homes, and retirement centers. They serve the Judson community through concerts, recitals, and special music for campus events. Instrumentalists and vocalists have similar opportunities in other Judson ensembles, including the Judson Civic Orchestra, Chamber Singers, Jazz Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, and University Choir.
- Participants enjoy a close-knit Christian community with other students and professors in the DCWPA, and pianists have plenty of opportunities for collaborative work as accompanists for the University Choir, Chamber Singers, and students needing accompanists for recitals and juries.
- Certificate students often serve in area churches as accompanists and travel on Choir tours both nationally and internationally.
- The program is in-person or on-line (first year only) and caters to both international students desiring credentialing from a United States school and to American students pursuing a higher level of performance skills.

### Sample Courses:

- Applied Lessons
- Performance Forum
- Professional Apprenticeship
- Research Seminar
- Ensembles
- Music Theory
- Composition (elective)
- Counterpoint (elective)
- Orchestration (elective)



## Testimonies:

I made the decision to come to Judson at a time when I was struggling with my relationship with God and my future path was uncertain. I took a leap of faith to come to Judson shortly before the pandemic hit. My new life in the U.S. was like a fog due to the pandemic. Everything seemed to stop, but at Judson, the prayers, gratitude, kindness, and consideration of the professors and students continued. Most of the time, plans don't work out as expected, but at Judson, I have been able to experience the Lord's guidance and plan for my life through cultivating the talent the Lord has given me and placing my hope in Him.

MinGyeong Kim

Spring 2021 Performance Certificate recipient

After graduating from college, I wanted to study further in music, but I didn't know where or how to begin. I had to set aside my dreams for a while, but by His grace, God opened a new path for me to study at Judson University. During the past two years at Judson University, I was able to broaden my perspective on music through the teachings of my professors and various activities. The time I've spent at Judson has become a valuable experience that I will treasure for the rest of my career in music.

Hyun Ah Lee

Spring 2020 Performance Certificate recipient

My time at Judson University opened up a new horizon in music for me. In addition to my preparations for graduate school, Judson helped me navigate several challenges I faced as an international student. It was a valuable time for creating good memories, too! The dedicated professors supported me and helped me to clarify my thinking about music and how it affects my life.

LeeSark Lee

Spring 2020 Performance Certificate recipient

I think my time at Judson was the turning point of my life. It was easy to adapt to Judson because I made good friends quickly, and the professors were caring and knowledgeable. My studies were a good refresher of the essential points studied in my undergraduate curriculum. I also began to better understand my value as a person and I came to trust and love Jesus. I feel Judson is a good stepping-stone for a future in music; I hope many more students will take the same opportunity I did!

HyeonJeong Gong

Spring 2020 Performance Certificate recipient



## Dr. Sojung Lee Hong

Sojung Lee Hong has been a Professor of Music at Judson University since 1998. She is also the Director of the Music Performance Certificate program. In addition to teaching, Dr. Hong is an unparalleled soloist, collaborative pianist, ensemble director, and church musician. In the last decade, her notable public appearances range from a solo recital at Seoul Arts Center, South Korea, to chamber music concerts in Mexico, Cambodia, and Peru. In addition to her international appearances, she has given numerous chamber music recitals performing a wide range of repertoire at performing art centers, universities, and other venues in the U.S. As Director of the Music Performance Certificate program, she both recruits students and organizes an annual scholarship benefit concert to raise funds to support scholarships for talented international students. For the Chicago community, she has helped to organize benefit concerts for the Sejong Cultural Society, the Global Children Foundation, and Food for the Hungry International. Dr. Hong holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Seoul National University (magna cum laude) and a doctoral degree in piano performance and literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



## ABOUT JUDSON

Judson is ranked in the Midwest Best Universities, *U.S. News and World Report* Best Colleges Survey. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers more than 60 programs of study. At least 90% of recent graduates have participated in an internship, practicum, or field experience. Students also can experience new cultures through mission trips or take advantage of study abroad or off-campus opportunities. Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, we offer a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships, and life after graduation.

## FINANCIAL AID

Please contact Dr. Sojung Hong at [shong@judsonu.edu](mailto:shong@judsonu.edu) for information about financial aid.



Call 847-628-1113 for more information or email Dr. Hong at [shong@judsonu.edu](mailto:shong@judsonu.edu).

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## Performance Certificate in Music at Judson University

### STEP ONE: OVERVIEW

#### ***Purpose and goals***

The Performance Certificate in Music at Judson University is a non-degree program designed for individuals looking for **intensive music performance study** both as a soloist and an ensemble musician in order to enhance their **employment opportunities** or prepare for **graduate studies**.

#### ***Who can apply?***

Prospective students are expected to have **an undergraduate degree** or the international equivalent. In the absence of a degree, a candidate must demonstrate advanced performance skills and/or extensive teaching experience at the level generally expected of an applicant for graduate studies.

### STEP TWO: CURRICULUM

A total of 24 credit hours will be earned in two semesters.

	1 <sup>st</sup> semester			2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	
MUS 401-418	Applied Lesson	2	MUS 401-418	Applied Lesson	2
MUS 510	Professional Apprenticeship I	2	MUS 511	Professional Apprenticeship II	2
MUS 530	Performance Forum I	1	MUS 531	Performance Forum II	1
MUS 499E	Half Hour Recital	1	MUS 499E	Half Hour Recital	1
MUS 142-150	Two Ensembles	1	MUS 142-150	Two Ensembles	1
MUS 151/251	Music Theory I or III	3	MUS 152	Music Theory II	3
	Electives	2		Electives	2

### STEP THREE: COURSE DESCRIPTION

#### ***Private Music Instruction & Professional Apprenticeship (100-minute lesson)***

Students will learn to play musical compositions from different periods and styles. Lessons are designed to foster an understanding of musical performance as a form of communication.



### ***Music Theory (150-minute class)***

Students will review basic theoretical concepts and deepen analytical skills on musical structure.

### ***Half Hour Recital (performance)***

Students will give his/her solo recital as a culminating project of weekly lessons toward the end of the second semester.

### ***Ensembles (2 to 3-hour class)***

Students will learn to play in ensembles and develop collaborative performance skills by participating in two ensembles: Piano Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Singers, or University Choir.

## **STEP FOUR: TUITION & FEES**

### ***Tuition and fees***

Semester tuition is payable in full two weeks before the first day of class. A monthly payment plan, in lieu of paying in full, is available with a service fee. Tuition for a full-time student is \$6,900 per semester. The total amount to complete the certificate program is \$13,800.

### ***Add/drop, refund policy***

If students drop before the first Friday of the semester, 100% of the tuition will be refunded.

### ***Judson University academic year:***

Fall semester – August to December

Spring semester – January to May

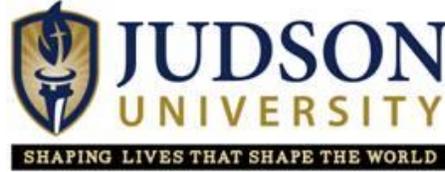
## **STEP FIVE: HOW TO APPLY**

### ***Documents to submit***

- Application Form
  - College Transcripts in English
  - Videorecording of a musical work – a YouTube link, not a file.
  - Essay (a narrative resumé including career goals and Christian faith)
  - International students - TOEFL (ibt) 61 or Duolingo test 95
  - International students - Financial Support Form
  - A Letter of Recommendation (optional)
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- Deadline: fall semester: April 30, spring semester: Oct. 30
  - Please email all documentations to Dr. Sojung Lee Hong at shong@judsonu.edu.



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## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

# Performance Certificate in Music

The Performance Certificate in Music at Judson University is a non-degree program designed for individuals looking for an intensive music performance study to enhance their employment opportunities or prepare for graduate studies. Students will develop their performance skills by working with the dedicated Judson music professors in applied lessons. A baccalaureate degree in music or equivalent level of performance skill is required. In addition to submitting this application, applicants must schedule an audition with the faculty of the Music Department at Judson University.

**NOTICE OF DECISION:** Decisions regarding admission are determined by the Director of Performance Certificate in Music Program and the faculty of the Music Department at Judson University. Applicants will be notified by email regarding their application status once the application and all ancillary materials are submitted and have been reviewed.

Questions regarding application status may be directed to the Program Director, Dr. Sojung Lee Hong. Note: Application packets that are not complete will not be reviewed. Please email a complete application along with all required ancillary materials to Dr. Sojung Lee Hong, [shong@judsonu.edu](mailto:shong@judsonu.edu).

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1151 North State Street  
Elgin, Illinois 60123, USA



**BIOGRAPHICAL/PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:**

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First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name (Maiden Name)	Date of Birth
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Street Address	City	State	Zip	Country
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Cell Phone	Email address
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Gender:  Male  Female      Marital Status:  Married  Single

The federal government requests that all institutions of higher learning provide the following information.  
(Responses are optional.)

Native American    Asian/Pacific Islander    African American    Latino/Latina Caucasian  
 Multi-racial    Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a church?  Yes  No

Church Name & City: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No

Country of Permanent Residence \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Have you ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces?  Yes  No

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Date of Service	Branch	Discharge
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**EMPLOYMENT:** Please list your most recent employer first. Please include Employer Name, Location, and Dates of Employment

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**EXPERIENCE:** Please list all colleges/universities previously attended beginning with the most recent. Please include College/University Name, Location, Degree(s) Earned, Dates.

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**TUITION:** Which payment option will you select for your Judson student account?

Single payment     Monthly payment

**COHORT SELECTION:** Please indicate which year you are interested in entering the Performance Certificate in Music Program.     Fall semester     Spring semester

**ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:** Please be sure to email the following items with your completed, signed, and dated application:

- ✓ Official transcripts from completed college work
- ✓ Videorecording of a musical work – a YouTube link, not a file
- ✓ Essay (a narrative resumé including career goals and Christian faith)
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from a current/former professor (optional)
- ✓ International students – TOEFL (ibt) 61 or Duolingo test 95
- ✓ International students – Financial Support Form

I certify that the information on the application is complete and accurate. I understand that failure to answer any questions truthfully, fully, and accurately may make me ineligible for admission to Judson University or may result in my dismissal from the university. Judson admits qualified students without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, ethnicity, nationality, or disability.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The information that you provide on this form will:

- help us evaluate the funds available for you to study at Judson University,
- be shared as required information if an I-20 is issued for you from Judson University. (The I-20 is an official document that allows you to apply for an F-1 student visa. Information on I-20 is automatically shared with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.)

Therefore, it is important that you fill out this form *completely* and *accurately*.

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### Performance Certificate in Music Program COSTS: (Fall 2024- Spring 2025)

Tuition	\$13,800	(two semesters)
Cost of Living	\$9,500	(two semesters)
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$23,300.00</b>	(two semesters)

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**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country of Citizenship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Undergraduate Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that the information on this form is accurate and complete. I recognize that I am responsible to ensure that I have the funds necessary to complete my academic program at Judson University. I understand that misrepresentation of this information may be grounds for refusing admission or revoking enrollment. I also understand that prompt settlement of my account each semester is necessary for my continued enrollment at Judson.

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Applicant Name (print)

Applicant Signature & Date



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**SECTION A: Family/Guardian/Personal Income & Support**

Please provide accurate information about your family's income and the amount available for educational expenses.

	Year One	Year Two
1. Annual Family/Guardian/Personal Income:	\$	\$
2. Amount available for education costs:	\$	\$

**Employer Verification:** To be completed by your employer (or the employer of your spouse, parent, or other family members contribute to your education).

**Attach an official letter of employment to verify family income (including salary amount).**

*I hereby certify that I have reviewed the income information listed in this section of the Certificate of Financial Support and affirm that the income is true as of this date.*

Employer Name & Title (print)	Employer Signature & Date
Name of Employer's Business	Business Address
Employer Name & Title (print)	Employer Signature & Date
Name of Employer's Business	Business Address

**SECTION B: Family/Guardian/Personal Savings, Investments, & Assets**

Please provide accurate information about additional funds (savings, investments, other assets) that your family has, and how much will be available for educational expenses.

	Year One	Year Two
1. Other resources from family funds:	\$	\$
2. Amount available for education costs:	\$	\$

**Savings, Investments, & Assets Verification:** To be completed by a Bank Official.

**Attach an official bank statement to verify resources.**

*I hereby certify that I have reviewed the savings, investments, and asset information listed in this section of the Certificate of Financial Support and affirm that the information is true as of this date.*

Bank Official's Name & Title (print)	Bank Official Signature & Date
Name of Bank	Bank Address

### SECTION C: Other Financial Sponsors

Please identify any other sponsors (government, relatives, churches, friends, organizations) that will be contributing to your education. This sheet can be photocopied if necessary.

	Year One	Year Two
Sponsor 1 _____:	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sponsor 2 _____:	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ \$</b>	

#### Financial Sponsor 1 Verification:

This section is to be completed by the person(s) financially sponsoring the education costs. **Attach official documentation to verify these financial resources.**

**Affidavit of Sponsor:** I hereby attest that I am willing and able to provide no less than the amount stated in **SECTION C**, namely \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash for the duration of \_\_\_\_\_ years for the following student

\_\_\_\_\_  
My relationship to the student is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Affirmation of Oath

*I hereby affirm that the contents of the above statement are true and correct.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Name and Title (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Signature & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Full Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 E-mail / Phone / Fax

#### Financial Sponsor 2 Verification:

This section is to be completed by the person(s) financially sponsoring the education costs. **Attach official documentation to verify these financial resources.**

**Affidavit of Sponsor:** I hereby attest that I am willing and able to provide no less than the amount stated in **SECTION C**, namely \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in cash for the duration of \_\_\_\_\_ years for the following student

\_\_\_\_\_  
My relationship to the student is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Affirmation of Oath

*I hereby affirm that the contents of the above statement are true and correct.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Name and Title (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Signature & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 Full Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor 1 E-mail / Phone / Fax

### SECTION D: FINANCIAL SUPPORT SUMMARY

Add up the amounts to be contributed to educational costs from SECTIONS A, B, and C.

	Year One	Year Two
Section A – Income (item #2)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Section B – Savings, etc. (item #2)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Section C – Sponsors (total from Section C)	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$ \$</b>	



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