



WSU Kodály Certification Program

Handbook 2021

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www.wichita.edu/kodaly

Dear Kodály Friends,

Welcome to the Wichita State University Kodály Program. On behalf of Dean Rodney Miller and the entire College of Fine Arts, we are delighted to have you join us. You are embarking on a journey that will open your ears, your eyes, and your heart to a special philosophy of teaching that embraces all that is wonderful in music education.

The WSU program is an inclusive team approach. Each person has a role in the process. The administrators and teachers work throughout the year to prepare for your visit while your job is to immerse yourself into the wonderful world of Kodály teaching through the experiences we have created for you. Work with your cohort; the load will feel lighter. Be aware that some days you may feel a little “in over your head” but trust us—you’ll look back on this experience as a wonderful voyage.

Our program crew has worked together for more than a decade. We always have a few new folks on the journey but our team knows how to work together, play together, and help you learn. As with any program, we continue to learn and adjust. We value your input and we trust that while we spend two intense weeks together here on campus, you will stay connected to the friends and colleagues through Kodály Music Educators of Kansas (KMEK) and the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) through workshops, conference, and publications. We want to support you during these two weeks, and for many years to come.

Please ask any of the crew if you need help along the way. We will get you to the right person. Don’t forget that by going to www.wichita.edu/kodaly you can often find the information online. If you need assistance regarding the program, please contact Kodaly@wichita.edu. Or you can get in touch with our program directors through their personal email accounts: steve.oare@wichita.edu and matthew.hanne@gmail.com. We’ll be happy to help you with anything related to music education at Wichita State University. Welcome aboard! You’ll sail through with flying colors.

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Special thanks to Kirk Olson and Lisa Simmelink who helped us in founding our WSU Kodály program in 2004. Thanks to Kirk Olson for assisting with the original program design and for helping us gain our teacher certification endorsement by the Organization of American Kodaly Educators (OAKE).

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General Directions

Before you head to WSU read and do the following:

Website and Facebook

The www.wichita.edu/kodaly website is where we post information. Each level generally creates a Facebook group to help with communication within the cohort. Check both locations for updates. Here are some tips.

- Please read your handbook. Find the Facebook group for your level and join. This will really help you stay connected with your level.
- You will need Adobe reader or flash for some of the documents. Most documents are PDFs.
- Students have access to the WSU wifi during the two weeks of the workshop.
 - Username: kodaly.wifi
 - Password: Music#Education#2021
- Continue to watch the website for updates and announcements. We also encourage you to share the information with your level Facebook groups. Emails can end up in junk so we usually use the website—the General Information page on the website will be updated as needed.

Level I, II, & III Materials

- Level Materials will be emailed to you once you register for the workshop. If you have questions about it, email us at steve.oare@wichita.edu or call Steve or Matt.
 - **Level I & II Secondary track students:** Make sure you receive special secondary track materials rather than the elementary levels materials.
- Download all of your level materials directly to your computer or iPad for easy reference. The internet can be unreliable at times.
- SONG MATERIALS must be printed -- ONE-SIDED -- and put in sheet protectors in a large notebook. You will want more than one notebook as well as extra supplies.
- Required and recommended books list -- these may be ordered from Senseney Music before the session. Senseney no longer sets up an on-

campus store at WSU, but they do have a [direct link](#) for our program.

Logistics

- Review your contact information for WSU staff and faculty.
- Review the campus map and the parking map. Summer 2021 will use open parking in the yellow/green and green lots. DO NOT park in a yellow only lot—you will be ticketed.
- Review the list of items you will need/want during the course. You can find your list on the website for your level.
- Check out the schedules and room locations by levels. We will be posting these around the building but you may want your own copy.
- PLEASE NOTE: ROOM LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE! We'll confirm locations at 8:00 on the first morning.

LEVEL INFORMATION: BEFORE YOU COME!

Level One Preparation before the first day:

- Ask to join the KMEK (Kodaly Music Educators of Kansas) Facebook Group
- Attend the KMEK Prep session if at all possible.
 - This year, we will attempt to create videos and embed them in the www.wichita.edu/kodaly webpage.
 - Videos from past prep sessions are already on the webpage.
- Join the Level One Facebook group for your cohort.
- Print the Level One documents we email to you. If you do not receive these within one week of your registration, please contact Dr. Oare.
- Read Mrs. Jo's document and Assignments PRIOR to class.
- Her packet includes reading assignment(s) to be checked on first day of class. READ them before you come to campus.
- Read the research project assignments.
- Helpful guides—please become familiar with these BEFORE you come to class on the first day
- Sample level one plan with comments from Mrs. Jo
- Blank lesson plan template for you to use if you like!
- Retrieval System Hints
- A Retrieval Index template in MSExcel—an optional tool for recording song titles and concepts in your collection.
- A list of suggestions for organizing data in your retrieval index
- If you have questions always ask! No question is a problem. We are here to help you.

Level Two Preparation before the first day:

- If you have not taken any other level at WSU, please contact us as early as possible for tips to prepare for this advanced level. We will work with you before and after Level 2 to help you be successful.
- Attend the KMEK Prep Session and then download materials for your level.
- Review your Level One materials

- Reading assignments are due on the first day of class
- Lesson Plan Helpful Hints

Level Three:

- If you have not taken any other level at WSU, please contact us as early as possible for tips to prepare for this advanced level. We will work with you before and after Level 3 to help you be successful.
- There are several tutorials on the www.wichita.edu/kodaly website. There are also helpful tips on the KMEK website (Kodaly Music Educators of Kansas) at www.kmek.org .

OTHER INFORMATION

PARKING

All green/yellow or green only lots on campus are OPEN and free for summer session. Parking in the green/yellow lot just SW of the Duerksen Lobby is your best bet. DO NOT park in the faculty (yellow only) lot. You will get a ticket and it is expensive!!!

CAMPUS POLICE

If you have questions about parking, or have a car problem, you can call campus police at 316-978-3450, 24 hours a day. WSU-cops are great!

HOUSING

[Shocker Hall](#) is the most convenient housing on campus for the Kodaly Certification Program. You may individually register through the housing office website (https://www.wichita.edu/student_life/housing/SummerRoomandBoardRates.php) and following the directions to reserve as an individual.

[Wesley Inn](#) is a small motel near campus that houses our clinicians. It is convenient to campus and restaurants and has reasonable rates. You can call them directly toll-free at (316) 858-3343 or go to their website (<http://www.wichitawesleyinn.com/>). Please tell them you are attending the Kodaly Training program at WSU and ask if they have a special rate available. They have been very accommodating to our group

FOOD: We have good food options on campus including:

- Shocker Hall: All you can eat one-price buffet meals including salads and desserts in an eat-in cafeteria option
- Rhatigan Student Center (RSC) options
 - Starbucks, Pizza Hut, Chick-fil-a; Panda Express, Freddy's, and Shocker

Grill (basement of RSC near bowling alley).

- Fuzzy's Tacos, Journey East, and Starbucks are in Braeburn Center, near the admissions office.
- Food trucks service the Innovation Campus near the GoCreate & Airbus buildings.
- Coffee houses on campus including our local Reverie Coffee at the Ground House (attached to Shocker Hall) and GoCreate (far east side of campus).
- Bring your lunch each day and eat/work over lunch.

WATER, COFFEE, & SNACKS:

- We will have coffee & snacks available in Dr. Oare's outer office (C120). KMEK members gift us with some snacks each summer, but if you want something specific or have food issues, bring what makes you happy and healthy.
- A big pot of coffee will be brewing every morning. Bring your own cup!
- We welcome contributions of coffee and creamer to our supply.
- You are encouraged to bring your own water bottle and covered coffee mug so we are kind to the environment.
- We have water fountains that fill water bottles with filtered and chilled water.
- There also are vending machines in the building but our music building does not have as many options as some of the other buildings on campus.

COMFORT ITEMS:

- Wear comfortable clothing on class days.
- Be sure to dress in layers. The building air conditioning sometimes can become very cold when it's hot outside. Having a towel or blanket may also give you options for some padding on your seat or a cover for cool legs if you wear shorts.
- Dress for the final concert is our Kodaly Workshop t-shirts (traditionally designed by level 3 students) and dark pants or skirts (sometimes we all wear nice jeans).

TRADITIONS

- Level 3 students usually dress up for theme days on the second week. Other levels can participate with level 3, do their own thing, or just keep it simple. The key here is that we have fun and learn together.
- We usually ask all students to purchase a Kodaly Workshop t-shirt specially designed by level 3. Cost for those are usually around \$10. The shirts are not required but do encourage community identity for the levels.

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance at all sessions is vital to success in our program. Attendance is taken every morning and individual teachers keep attendance.
- Please communicate with us. We know that you may have a job interview or emergency. We will work with you within reason, especially for a job interview--but do not plan to do anything except WSU Kodaly from Sunday afternoon until the workshop is over on the 18th.
- Remind family and friends that you are doing 5 graduate hours of work in 2 weeks. You will be very busy!
- Even if you are taking this for “non-credit,” you will not get your level certificate if you have absences.
- This program is great, but intense. Do what it takes to take care of yourself so you stay well and focused. Your dedication to this program will pay off during the school year, ultimately giving you more time with your family during the year.
- Weekend meetings--our clinicians usually schedule some kind of consultation time during the middle weekend to answer questions or work with a small group who may need extra assistance.

COMMUNICATION

- If you have questions, ask. If you are not sure of what to do, ask. There is almost nothing we haven't dealt with over the past 16 years.
- To ASSUME is not the best way to go. ASK one of staff, ASK someone in Level 2 or 3. ASK your graders. ASK your teachers. ASK Steve or Matt. We don't know if there is miscommunication or something you do not like unless someone TALKS WITH US about it. We will do our best to either correct mistakes or explain the purpose behind events in our program.

STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

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Levels Personnel

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- Dr. Royce Tevis: rstevis@pacbell.net
- Mr. Gabor Viragh: viragh@hartford.edu
- Mr. Shawn Chastain: schastain@usd259.net
- Should you need to contact your instructor by phone, they will be happy to provide you with their cell numbers. Check with them on the first day of class.

Other contact information:

- WSU School of Music: 316.978.3103 Anne Marie Brown helps with facilities, rooms, and practice room keys. Check with Dr. Oare first.
- WSU College of Fine Arts: 316.978.3389 Sanya Wiles helps with graduate student advising.
- WSU Graduate School: 316.978.3095 (Jane Hodge helps with our graduate admissions if you have questions. Denicia Angleton helps with graduation requirements).
- Kansas Music Educators of Kansas: www.kmek.org Matt Hanne is President.

We hope you find this helpful! Contact us at kodaly@wichita.edu if you have questions!