



FALL 2019
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Meeting days: TR	MUA1041 SECTION 2/CLASS PIANO I
Meeting times: 10:00-10:55	Final Exam: December 10, 10:30am- 1:00pm
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PLNU Mission

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Class instruction for the student without prior study; emphasizes functional keyboard skills such as sight-reading, harmonization, improvisation, and solo and ensemble playing. Appropriate for the music major that must prepare for the piano proficiency exam.

POSITION OF COURSE IN COLLEGE CURRICULUM: This course is recommended for all students, whether music majors or not, who wish to study piano who have not had prior piano study. It is *highly recommended* for music majors or music certificate students who have had little or no piano study, as it will begin to prepare them for the piano proficiency exam and will enhance their skills in music theory.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

All course materials will be available on the website: www.eNovativePiano.com . In lieu of a textbook, you will be required to purchase a subscription that will give you access to the site for the entire semester. Many of the materials on this site are multimedia, but you may wish to print out the “printable” documents and assignments and keep them organized in a notebook. Often the professor will require you to print certain pages to bring with you to class.

For instructions on how to purchase the required subscription, go to the Canvas website for this class and open the document: **Textbook Access Instructions** Everyone must be registered for the online text by the next class session. You must purchase access to the online text in order to take the class.

OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS: You must bring a laptop or iPad to class, along for doing in-class work in groups and on your own. All material from the lessons may be printed and brought to class, you will need access to the website for in-class activities. Other materials, such as the syllabus and any additional handouts or links will be uploaded to "Canvas." Bring a pencil and all course materials to class!

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

PRACTICE AND PRACTICE ROOMS: Students are expected to practice at least 2.5 hours per week outside of class. The practice rooms are located in the basement of Cooper. To check out a key to a practice room, type in your PLNU ID in the box across from the elevator on the ground floor. For further instruction, check with the music office. It is likely that some students will require more practice than others in order to be adequately prepared for each class.

QUIZZES AND EXAMS: Quizzes will be given frequently either as a live performance in class or turned in as a video on canvas. Written quizzes may also be given. A midterm and a final exam will also be given. Tests will include both written and playing portions.

ASSIGNMENTS: Assignments will be assigned through Canvas.

MAKEUP POLICY: There will be no make-ups for missed in-class quizzes or exams. The instructor may offer second attempts for poor grades on quizzes, exams, or assignments. The instructor will make it clear which assignments are qualified for each second attempt, and the requirements that go with it.

*You must take both the mid-term and final exam in order to pass the class.

Final grade determined as follows:	Grading scale:
Assignments- 15%	
Quizzes/Projects- 25%	
Midterm- 30% (Written- 10%, Playing- 20%)	A=93-100 C=73-76
Final 30% (Written- 10%, Playing- 20%)	A-=92-90 C-=70-72
	B+=87-89 D+=67-69
	B=83-86 D=63-66
	B-=80-82 D-=60-62
	C+=77-79 F=0-59

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments that are turned in late or incomplete will automatically lose 15% from the full score. An additional 15% will be deducted from the full score every 24 hours that it is late. For example, if you turn the assignment in two days late, 30% will be deducted from the total score you earn for that assignment.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the [Class Schedules](#) site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.

NOTE: The following policies are to be used without changes:

PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY

Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See [Academic Policies](#) in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.

PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU's Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at DRC@pointloma.edu. See [Disability Resource Center](#) for additional information.

FERPA POLICY: In compliance with federal law, neither PLNU student ID nor social security number should be used in publicly posted grades or returned sets of assignments without student written permission. This class will meet the federal requirements by (each faculty member choose one strategy to use: distributing all grades and papers individually; requesting and filing written student permission; or assigning each student a unique class ID number not identifiable on the alphabetic roster.). Also in compliance with FERPA, you will be the only person given information about your progress in this class unless you have designated others to receive it in the “Information Release” section of the student portal. See Policy Statements in the undergraduate student catalog