# Department of Music



MUC 3052/4052 – Private Commercial Composition

1 or 2 Units

## Spring 2021

Meeting day/time: Sign Up	Instructor: Professor Chaz Celaya	
Final Project Due 6/4/21	Phone: 619.849.2782	
Meeting location: Online/Ingram Studio	E-mail: chazcelaya@pointloma.edu	
	Office hours: Contact Prof. to arrange	

## 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 is an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we strive to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

**MUC3052** - Study of compositional processes through basic concepts of melodic writing and the manipulation of diverse harmonic, textural and rhythmic materials through the use of a digital audio workstation. Goal is to have a minimum 3-song EP in your portfolio by end of Junior year. May be repeated.

**MUC4052** - Development of compositional skills through handling extended forms, advanced studio production techniques and larger performance forces, such as choir, band or orchestra. Goal is to have an additional 3-4 songs added to portfolio for Senior Project. May be repeated.

#### COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Completing Compositions:

If you are studying for 1 unit, you will complete a minimum of 2 pieces during the semester:

- The first piece by week 8.
- The second piece by our last lesson (before finals week)

If you are studying for 2 units, you will complete a minimum 3 pieces during the semester:

- The first piece by week 5.
- The second piece by week 10.
- The third piece by our last lesson.

## ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Assignment distribution by percentage:

Grade scale:

<ul> <li>Weekly attendance: 25%</li> <li>Weekly Progress: 25%</li> <li>Completed Projects: 50%</li> </ul>	A=93-100 A-=92-90 B+=87-89 B=83-86 B-=80-82 C+=77-79	C=73-76 C-=70-72 D+=67-69 D=63-66 D-=60-62 F=0-59
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## PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY

While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are requested to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (DRC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The DRC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the DRC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The DRC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that DRC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

## 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 <u>Academic Policies</u> in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.