

	Department of Music MCM 1000 Introduction to Commercial Composition 1 Unit
	Spring 2022

Meeting days: Friday	Instructor title and name: Dr. Victor Labenske
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Final Exam: M 5/2 10:30 AM-1 PM	Office location and hours: M 2:30-2:45, 3:45-4, 5-5:15 Tu 9:30-10, 11-11:30, 2-2:30 W 9:30-10 Th 9:30-10, 11-11:30, 2-2:30, 3:45-4:15 F 2:30-3 We might also arrange to meet over lunch

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

An introduction to modern composition processes through lead sheet writing including harmonic progression, melodic development, form, style, and notation.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will synthesize the following musical grammar and technical components as demonstrated by a grade of C or higher on the final lead sheet/composition.

- *melodic development*
- *progression*
- *form*
- *notation*

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course begins to prepare students for meeting this outcome:

Produce a demo showcasing at least five original works that demonstrate the artist's ability to effectively collaborate with other artists, working from an initial concept to a finished product.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES

Finale Notation Software would be very helpful (new edition available for \$99).

Manuscript paper.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

The course schedule can be found on Canvas.

FINAL EXAM: Monday, May 2, 10:30 AM-1 PM

ASSESSMENT AND GRADING

Students will be evaluated according to the categories below:

Category	Percentage
In class work*	35%
Out of class assignments	35%
Midterm assignment	10%
Final project	20%

*Class sessions earn 5 pts per day for attendance; fewer points may be earned if students are not fully engaged (phones out, trips to the bathroom, etc.)

Grades will be based on the following:

Sample Standard Grade Scale Based on Percentages

A	B	C	D	F
A 93-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D+ 67-69	F Less than 60
A- 90-92	B 83-86	C 73-76	D 63-66	
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	D- 60-62	

STATE AUTHORIZATION

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical

location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

INCOMPLETES AND LATE ASSIGNMENTS

While evaluation of your work is necessarily somewhat subjective, I will use the following items to determine the grade. You will receive 50% of the assigned grade for late work.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

Successful completion of this class requires submitting the final project by the scheduled exam time for this course.

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

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 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 class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of 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.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith.

If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the [Office of Spiritual Development](#)