

	Department of Music MCM 1000 Introduction to Commercial Composition 1 Unit
Spring 2023	

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Final Exam: W 5/3 10:30 AM-1 PM	Office location and hours: CMC 214 M 1:30-2:30 Tu 9:30-10, 11-11:30, 2:30-3:30 W 10:30-11 Th 9:30-10, Tea@3 F 10:30-11, 3-4 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: Wednesday, May 3, 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	

SPIRITUAL CARE

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

If you have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain, or if you have prayer requests, you can contact the [Office of Student Life and Formation](#).

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.

PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY

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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

PLNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities. Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will issue an academic accommodation plan ("AP") to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not wish to utilize some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at pointloma.edu/Title-IX. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office.

If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at counselingservices@pointloma.edu or find a list of campus pastors at pointloma.edu/title-ix

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.

will determine how many asynchronous attendance days are required each week.

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. The assignment of an incomplete grade for the course is for extremely unusual circumstances only.

FINAL EXAMINATION POLICY

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