

**Western University, Don Wright Faculty of Music  
Department of Music Performance Studies**

**Applied Piano Instruction Course Outline, 2021-2022**

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**COURSE INFORMATION**

Undergraduate: MU2921, 3921, 4921

Graduate: MU9509 a/b, 9584 a/b, 9801 a/b, 9802 a/b, 9803 a/b

**Course Description**

My general aim as an applied teacher is to focus on the cultivation of the whole individual and complete musician - an individualized approach that takes into account each student's unique background, potential, and interests while building a solid technical and musical foundation through the detailed study and analysis of strategically selected solo and chamber/collaborative piano repertoire. Through continued careful advising and assessment, I seek to provide a fulfilling and compelling educational experience for each student - an experience that will provide the foundation for life-long learning and love for music, inquiry, and maturation into musicians of the highest possible quality. I also seek to cultivate and inspire altruistic action/thinking in my students as performer-ambassadors (or performer-entrepreneurs) and self-sufficient advocates for the performing arts.

**Attendance**

Students are required to attend all scheduled lessons unless they have a legitimate reason for canceling it. Requests for canceled lessons must be made no later than 24 hours preceding the lesson (except in cases of

medical or family emergency). Students should take the initiative to schedule any make-up lessons, and unexcused absences are not eligible to be made up.

### **Performance Class**

Students must attend a weekly studio class of 90 minutes, unless excused in advance by the instructor. Failure to attend could result in the lowering of the applied lesson grade. The instructor formulates the studio class schedule at the beginning of each academic year, and piano majors should expect to perform at least two times a semester.

### **Grading**

Students are expected to be well prepared at each lesson and to demonstrate reasonable and consistent progress throughout the semester. The semester grade is determined by student effort, preparation, progress, studio class participation, and the quality of playing attained in the respective semester of study.

Undergraduate level courses:

MUS3921, 4921: Jury Mark 20%, Performance Class 10%, Studio Lessons 70% (35% for each term)

Graduate level courses:

Performance Class 20%, Studio Lessons 80% (40% for each term)

Grading scale: A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.

**See Music Performance Studies Handbook link below for more information:**

<https://music.uwo.ca/departments/music-performance/handbook/index.html>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

i) Course Prerequisites: Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

ii) Academic Consideration for Student Absence: Students will have up to two (2) opportunities during the regular academic year to use an on-line portal to self-report an absence during the term, provided the following conditions are met: the absence is no more than 48 hours in duration, and the assessment for which consideration is being sought is worth 30% or less of the student's final grade. **Students are expected to contact their instructors within 24 hours of the end of the period of the self-reported absence, unless noted on the syllabus.** Students are not able to use the self-reporting option in the following circumstances:

- for exams scheduled by the Office of the Registrar (e.g., December and April exams)
- absence of a duration greater than 48 hours,
- assessments worth more than 30% of the student's final grade,
- if a student has already used the self-reporting portal twice during the academic year

If the conditions for a Self-Reported Absence are not met, students will need to provide a Student Medical Certificate if the absence is medical or provide appropriate documentation if there are compassionate grounds for the absence in question. **Students are encouraged to contact their Faculty academic counseling office to obtain more information about the relevant documentation.**

Students should also note that individual instructors are not permitted to receive documentation directly from a student, whether in support of an application for consideration on medical grounds, or for other reasons. All documentation required for absences that are not covered by the Self-Reported Absence Policy must be submitted to the Academic

Counseling office. For the Western University policy on Consideration for Student Absence, see:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic\\_Consideration\\_for\\_absences.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf)

and for the Student Medical Certificate (SMC), see:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf)

Special Note for Covid-19-related Situations:

As a guideline, if a student has been contacted by the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) to self-quarantine due to a Covid-19-related situation, then the Self-Reported Absence system is not to be used to report this absence or to request an academic accommodation. The student should contact the Academic Counseling office as soon as they are notified.

In general, students are advised to not self-determine when to self-isolate. Unless directed by the MLHU students should go about their business as usual. But if a student chooses to self-isolate due to a suspected Covid-19-related situation while waiting to receive direction from the MLHU then the student is directed to contact the Academic Counseling office as soon as possible for further direction on receiving accommodation consideration.

iii) Academic Consideration for Missing Work: In cases where students are unable to submit work due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, if an online self-reported absence is submitted, or if appropriate supporting documentation is submitted to the Associate Dean's office, and the accommodation is granted, then the missed assessments may be rescheduled or discounted in the calculation of the final grade for the course, at the discretion of the instructor. If neither a self-reported absence nor an appropriate supporting document is submitted to the appropriate office, then the missed assignments will receive a grade of zero.

iv) Academic Offences: Submission of work with which you have received help from someone else (other than the course instructor or TA) is an example of plagiarism, which is considered a major academic

offence. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as found at:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

v) Mental Health & Wellness: Students that are in emotional/mental distress should refer to the Health and Wellness at Western page (<https://www.uwo.ca/health/>) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help or to go to the Wellness Education Centre located in UCC room 76. Students in crisis in need of immediate care are directed to go directly to Student Health Services in UC11 or to click on the green “I Need Help Now” button on the Health and Wellness page above.

vi) Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Students work with Accessible Education Western (AEW, formerly SSD) which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation\\_disabilities.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic%20Accommodation_disabilities.pdf)

vii) Religious Accommodation: Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the Instructor and an Academic Counselor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the Western Multicultural Calendar.

<http://multiculturalcalendar.com/ecal/index.php?s=c-univwo>

viii) Contingency Plan: In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online at the discretion of the course instructor.