

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DON WRIGHT FACULTY OF MUSIC
Accompanying 2021-2022
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Rehearsal Hours:

4 hours weekly, TBD

Each performance student will be assigned

- **One** performance major (1 hour rehearsal, 1 hour lesson, performance class as-needed)
- **Two** non-performance majors (30 minute rehearsal, 30 minute lesson, performance class as-needed)

Each non-performance student will be assigned

- **One** non-performance majors (30 minute rehearsal, 30 minute lesson, performance class as-needed)

**Special circumstances and performance assignments outside of these parameters
will be evaluated on a case by case basis*

Course Prerequisites

This course is restricted to piano majors enrolled in the Don Wright Faculty of Music. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol 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.

Course Materials

There are no required materials for this course.

Course Description

The purpose of the course is to afford pianists the opportunity to develop their ensemble skills and collaborative repertoire through working with peers under the supervision of various studio teachers. Pianists will acquire necessary skills required on the business side of collaborative piano. This includes, but is not limited to: scheduling rehearsals, interacting with colleagues, requesting scores, creating performance tracks, meeting deadlines and organizing practice time.

Each student will be partnered with instrumentalists based on the assessment determined in the audition, and repertoire will be given to the course instructor in advance to approve. One-on-one lessons with students enrolled in the class and the course instructor will be given on an as-need basis. It is expected that pianists will find adequate time to prepare their own parts to a high level of excellence.

Course Requirements

- Attendance in initial class meeting on **Friday, September 17th from 12:30-1:30 pm**. This class will give an overview of how to approach the assigned repertoire, and expectations in terms of preparation, attitude, and scheduling issues throughout the semester.
- Successfully collaborate with the assigned instrumentalist/s for the duration of the year. This includes: Lessons, studio performance classes, studio recitals and juries. This **does not include** guest master classes, additional recitals, or degree recitals unless agreed upon in the initial assignment.
- Mini-lessons with the course instructor (30 minutes in length) on an as-need basis.
- Performance with instrumentalist(s) in the “Accompanying for Credit Class Recital,” with a minimum of 5 minutes of repertoire required per pianist.
- **At least** one positive feedback report from assigned studio instructor(s). Studio instructors will submit two ‘progress reports’ on their assigned pianists assessing their work habits, reliability, level of preparation, and overall development as collaborators.
 - One unsuccessful progress report will require one-on-one meeting with the course instructor to discuss steps needed to complete the course successfully.
 - Two unsuccessful progress reports indicate a failure to receive the credit.

Methods of Evaluation

To successfully receive this credit, students are required to play for the “Accompanying Class Recital” on **Tuesday February 15, 8 pm** in VKH. Students must also schedule a weekly 30-minute rehearsal with each assigned instrumentalist (60 minute for performance-majors). Attendance is mandatory as requested by studio instructors regarding lessons and master class performances. Additionally, students enrolled in this class are required to complete all studio recital performances and juries (dates/times TBD) for their assigned instrumentalist(s)

University Policies

i) **Course Prerequisites: None** 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) **Grading scale:** A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.

iii) **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 counselling 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 Counselling 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

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

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 Counselling 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 Counselling office as soon as possible for further direction on receiving accommodation consideration.

iv) **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.

v) **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

vi) **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.**

vii) **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

viii) **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 Counsellor 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>

ix) **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.

Additional Statements

i) **Examinations & Attendance:** Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.