



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

Course outline: Applied Music Instruction, Piano

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Applied Music Instruction, Performance, Studio Lessons

Undergraduate: MU2921, 3921*, 4921*, 3922*, 4922*
Graduate: MU9509 a/b/c, 9584 a/b/c, 9585 a/b/c

**Anyone registered in these courses will also register for 3926, 4926, 4927, 4928 (Recital)*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Designed to help pianists develop as performers and realize their full artistic potential, this course provides the necessary preparation for a professional performing career with a focus on the solo repertoire for this instrument. Students will develop a deeper understanding and awareness of the physical and psychological aspects of performing and refine their general musical literacy and approach to the different styles. A holistic approach to the art of piano playing is offered that combines elements of eastern philosophies, with special emphasis on the fine balance between the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of the performer.

GRADING

Grades are based more on progress in class than on exam performance:

- attendance to weekly lesson and master class
- quality and quantity of work covered
- progress shown throughout the semester
- student's playing relative to the requirements of the level
- preparation for lessons, class recital, and lessons

MUS2921:

Jury Mark 25%, Performance Class 10%, Studio Instructor 65% (32.5% for each term)

MUS3921, 4921, 3922, 4922:

Jury Mark 20%, Performance Class 10%, Studio Instructor 70% (35% for each term)

Grading scale for all aspects of the course is A+=90-100%, A=80-89%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, D=50-59%, F=0-49%.

POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

- a. Students registered in any of the following Applied courses receive 24 lessons of 50 minutes each, normally 12 per term: 1920, 1925, 2925, 2920, 2921, 3925, 3920, 3922, 3929, 4925, 3921, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4929. Students registered in 3924y or 4924y receive 12 lessons of 50 min. duration, spread throughout the year. Undergraduate performance majors registered in one of the following courses also receive 12 lessons of 50 minutes each, oriented toward recital requirements: 3921, 4921, 4922, 4923.

Graduate students in Literature and Performance receive 36 lessons (50 minutes duration each), spread over 3 terms (9509a/b/y, 9584a/b/y and 9585a/b/y), normally 12 lessons per term, plus an additional six sessions of 50 min. of coaching available from the studio teacher for each recital (9511 and 9588).

Students are responsible for bringing an extra copy of their music or sending a copy of their music via email to the instructor prior to their lesson. It is not permitted to record any lesson.

All mobile and electronic devices are to be turned off at the beginning of each lesson for the duration of the lesson, and for the weekly masterclass.

Cancellations

If a teacher cancels a lesson, the lesson must be made up. If a student cancels a lesson for any reason, the teacher is not obligated to make it up.

Studio Instructor Mark

At the end of the first term, each undergraduate student registered for individual instruction receives a midterm report and mark from his or her instructor. This mark will be 50% of the final studio mark assigned by the instructor at the end of second term.

UWO Policy Statements:

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

Course Pre-requisites: *It is the student's responsibility to ensure they have met all requirements of course pre-requisites. University policy states:*

Unless you have either the requisites 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.

Accommodation for Medical Illness: *Students are responsible for making up any missed classes or assignments as soon as possible. The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet their academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet their academic responsibilities.*

Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate (TC210), together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. Students are directed to read the Senate policy on accommodation for medical illness at the following website for further details regarding requirements and procedures for the supporting documentation:
https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner.

iv) **Academic Consideration for Missing Work (<10%):** *In cases where students miss work that is worth less than 10% of the total course grade (ie. two or fewer assignments / lessons, or equivalent in applied studio courses) due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, if documentation is voluntarily submitted to the Associate Dean's office and the Associate Dean grants an accommodation, then the missed assignment(s) or quiz(ze)s will be discounted in the calculation of the final grade for the course. If documentation is not voluntarily submitted then the missed assignment(s) will receive a grade of zero. Students who have been denied accommodation by an instructor may appeal this decision to the Associate Dean's office but will be required to present appropriate documentation.*

*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.***

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.*

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education Western (AEW, formerly SAS) 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

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>