

**The University of Western Ontario, 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: MUS1920, 2920, 2921, 3920, 3921*, 4920, 4921*, 3922*, 4922* Graduate:
MU9509, 9584, 9585, 9786, 9801, 9802, 9803, 9804, 9805, 9806, 9807, 9808

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

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will serve to develop the student's artistic potential and technical abilities, with the goal of achieving the highest level of performance possible within the context of their specific programme.

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

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)

MU9509, 9584, 9585, 9786, 9801, 9802, 9803, 9804, 9805, 9806, 9807, 9808:

Semester one: 50%. Semester 2: 50%

POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

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 hours of lessons, 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 receive 24 lessons of 50 minutes each, normally 12 per term.

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.

- **ii) Grading scale:**

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

Graduate: A=80-100%, B=70-79%, C=60-69%, F=0-59%.

- **iii) Academic Consideration for Student Absence & Missing Work (≥10%):**

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. Academic Consideration provides students with consistent, fair, and pedagogically appropriate consideration, without compromising the academic integrity of the course or program, when they have been unable to complete some component of a course due to short-term extenuating circumstances. Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions (physical or mental) that may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities are directed to seek Academic Accommodation through Accessible Education ([Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#)).

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- Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible and no later than 48 hours after the end of the period of absence covered, to the Academic Counselling unit or Office of the Associate Dean, Undergraduate (TC210), of the student's Home Faculty together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the academic consideration being requested. Students are directed to read the Senate Policy on Academic

Consideration for Medical Illness at the following website for further details regarding various requirements and procedures for the supporting documentation:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration.pdf

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- Whenever possible, students who require academic consideration 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.
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- **iv) Academic Consideration for Missing Work (<10%):** In cases where students miss work that is worth less than 10% of the total course grade due to medical illness or compassionate grounds, the student will be allowed to take the course at a later date without academic penalty. 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.
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- **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
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- **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 Thames Hall room 2170. **Students in crisis in need of immediate care are directed to go directly to Student Health Services in Thames Hall 2170 or to click on the big green "I Need Help Now" button on the Health and Wellness page above.**
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- **vii) Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:** Students work with Accessible Education 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%20on%20disabilities.pdf
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- **viii) Religious Accommodation:** Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays (other than statutory 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. The Diversity Calendar from the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion provides information on multifaith, multicultural and diversity related holidays and observances and links to

resources for more information. <https://www.edi.uwo.ca/resources/2816-2023-Diversity-Calendar-PDF.pdf>

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- ix) **Contingency Plan:** Although the intent is for this course to be delivered in-person, should any university-declared emergency require some or all of the course to be delivered 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 course will adapt accordingly. The grading scheme will **not** change. Any assessments affected will be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.