

# Jazz Studies



## WHY PLU JAZZ STUDIES?

- Open to students regardless of major.
- Private instruction in jazz guitar, piano, bass, drum set, and composition/arranging by world-renowned performing faculty.
- The Regency Jazz Ensemble, which features the PLU jazz faculty, performs throughout the Northwest.
- Jazz combo class with coaching, performing, and chances to play gigs!
- Jazz Under the Stars, an annual professional summer concert series.

## Be a part of something bigger.

PLU has a big band ensemble that has performed at:

- Regional jazz festivals and clubs
- Canada, Scandinavia, Spain, Portugal, China, and Australia
- Exchanges with other high school and college bands



## JAZZ FACULTY

- **Cassio Vianna** - Jazz Ensemble, Combo, Piano, Composition and Arranging, History and Jazz Theory, Brazilian Music, directs PLU Honor Jazz Band, Pianist for the Regency Jazz Ensemble
- **Steve Howland** - Jazz Guitar
- **Clipper Anderson** - Jazz Bass
- **Mark Ivester** - Jazz Drum Set
- **Kate Olson** - Jazz Saxophone & Improvisation



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## Music Degrees

- Music Performance
- Music Education
- Music Composition
- Music + Outside Field
- Music Minor (general or specialized)



## Director of Jazz Studies: Cassio Vianna



Dr. Vianna was born and raised in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A scholar in jazz and Brazilian popular music, he has been featured as a performer and clinician at festivals and conferences in Brazil, Paraguay, China, and the U.S. His compositions for jazz ensemble have received national recognition, including awards from the National Band Association, Jazz Education Network, and the International Society of Jazz Arrangers and Composers (ISJAC). Artists who have performed his compositions or arrangements include Martha Reeves, Chris Potter, Tony Kadleck, Danny Gottlieb, Armando Marçal, Chuck Owen's Jazz Surge Band, Clay Jenkins, Colorado Jazz Orchestra, and the United States Army Field Band (Jazz Ambassadors), among others. Dr. Vianna has produced several recordings of his original works. Before his appointment at PLU, Dr. Vianna was on the faculties at Umpqua Community College and Western Oregon University.

## It's all at the tip of your fingers.

Easy geographical access to the Portland, Olympia, Tacoma, and Seattle jazz scene, featuring many local artists and internationally-renowned touring artists. Many venues to both play and hear jazz and other types of music. The Northwest also has a booming music, media, and entertainment industry.

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