

Jazz Studies



WHY PLU JAZZ STUDIES?

- Jazz scholarships available to everyone, regardless of major through PLU's Artistic Achievement Awards.
- Private instruction in jazz guitar, piano, bass, drum set, improvisation, and composition/arranging by world-renowned performing faculty.
- The PLU Faculty Jazz Ensemble performs concerts throughout the Northwest region.
- Jazz combo class with coaching, performing, and chances to play gigs!
- PLU Weathermon Jazz Festival: an annual, non-competitive festival for high school jazz bands.

Be a part of something bigger

PLU has a big band ensemble that has performed at:

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



JAZZ FACULTY

- **Cassio Vianna** - Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos, Piano, Composition and Arranging, History and Jazz Theory, Brazilian Music, Pianist for the PLU Faculty Jazz Ensemble
- **Kate Olson** - Jazz Saxophone and Improvisation
- **Clipper Anderson** - Jazz Bass
- **Mark Ivester** - Jazz Drum Set

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Music Degrees:

- Music Performance
- Music Education
- Music Composition
- Music + outside field
- Music Minor (general or specialized)



Meet 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/or clinician in Latin America, China, and across 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, Ernie Watts, Tony Kadleck, Danny Gottlieb, 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.

It's all at the tip of your fingers

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

Learn more at plu.edu/jazz

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