

Piano



PIANO AT PLU

- The piano faculty at PLU features nationally recognized performers and pedagogues.
- Piano lessons are available to any PLU student, regardless of major.
- Numerous performing opportunities exist and students can deepen their knowledge with piano literature, piano pedagogy, and collaborative piano.

PIANO FACULTY

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Students who choose to major in music education have a nearly 100% job placement rate upon graduation. Other music students have gone on to graduate study in music performance at some of the top schools in the country.



AUDITIONING IN PIANO

Piano scholarship auditions occur in January and February each year. Scholarships may be awarded to any incoming PLU student regardless of major. A video recording is accepted for students living far away, but in-person auditions are recommended.

Piano scholarships are stacked on top of academic awards and are renewable for four years. Requirements for the scholarship include taking piano lessons and being involved in an ensemble each semester. Awards range from \$1,000-\$7,500.

Required Audition Repertoire:

- One Baroque work (e.g., a movement from a dance suite or a Prelude and Fugue from the Well-Tempered Clavier *OR* a fast movement from a Classical Sonata by Haydn, Martines, Mozart, Schubert or Beethoven) *AND*
- One Romantic or 20th-21st century work

Music degrees available at PLU:

• Professional Music Degrees

- Bachelor of Music: 80 semester hours in music
- Bachelor of Music Education: leads to state licensure, six possible specializations
- Bachelor of Musical Arts: 62 semester hours in music and cognate

• Liberal Arts Degree

- Bachelor of Arts in Music: 44 semester hours in music and cognate

• Music Minor (both generalized and specialized)

- 18-22 semester hours in music

AFFORDABILITY

Once scholarships and other financial aid options are factored in, many students find PLU is comparable in cost to many other institutions, including state schools. 97% of PLU students receive financial aid and in 2022-23, the average financial aid offer was \$35,853. Over \$51 million in PLU-funded scholarships and grants are awarded to students.

Learn more at plu.edu/music

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Organ



WHY PLU ORGAN?

- PLU offers a comprehensive music program open to all majors, taught by nationally-recognized faculty, in a state-of-the-art facility.
- Students have access to music scholarships regardless of major, and may participate in solo recitals, orchestral music, chamber music, early music, opera and musical theater ensembles.
- PLU music graduates have gone on to successful professional careers or to pursue graduate degrees at some of the nation's most prestigious conservatories and universities.
- Generous music scholarships available, regardless of students' major.

TRAVEL THE WORLD

PLU has a January term, which allows for national and international travel. Opportunities in the past have included visits to some of the most famous organs in northern Europe.

EXPERIENCE

Most lessons are taught on the Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ, built by Paul Fritts and Co. It is regarded as one of the finest mechanical action organs in the country, sensitive to the touch, and located in beautiful hall with marvelous acoustics.

Ample practice times are available on this instrument, as well as on other instruments by Bosch, Schlicker, Kilgen, and White.

There are plenty of performance opportunities both as soloist as well as collaborative musician, and students can easily find a church position in the area if they so desire.

