

Organ



ORGAN STUDY AT PLU

- Organ lessons are available for any PLU student, regardless of major. Many students begin their organ study after they arrive at PLU.
- Performance and church music opportunities are frequently available in the SeaTac region.
- PLU music graduates have gone on to successful careers in performance, teaching, and church music.

ORGAN FACULTY

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AUDITIONING IN ORGAN

Scholarship auditions occur in 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.

Arts scholarships can be combined with academic awards and are renewable for three additional years. Requirements for the scholarship include taking organ lessons and being involved in an ensemble each semester. Awards range from \$1,000-\$7,500.

Required Audition Repertoire:

Two contrasting works

- One Renaissance, Baroque, or Classical piece
- One Romantic or 20th/21st Century piece

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 (a minor or second major outside of music)

• 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.

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WHY PLU MUSIC?

- 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

During January Term, students can pursue projects that deepen engagement with their musical craft. Past opportunities 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 in 1998 by Paul Fritts and Co. It is regarded as one of the finest mechanical-action organs in the U.S. and is located in a beautiful hall with marvelous acoustics. The instrument is an exceptional teaching instrument for a broad range of repertoire from the Renaissance all the way to the present day.

Students are assigned regular practice time in the concert hall each week. Other instruments available to students include organs built by Schlicker, Bosch, Kilgen, and Olympic. The greater Tacoma area boasts many fine instruments that organ students visit as part of their PLU education.

