

**Name:** Nicolas Casey

**Hometown:** Sebastopol, CA

**Instrument:** Violin

**Major:** International Political Economy (IPE)

**Minor:** Music



**Musical Involvements:** Jazz Combos, Symphony Orchestra, jazz gigs (independently and through the School of Music), music production and composition.

**Involvements Outside Music:** Working part-time at the University of Puget Sound Technology Center.

**On why I chose Puget Sound:** I was looking for two things: 1) A small liberal arts college with a flexible degree program and 2) a strong music program. UPS has both!

**Favorite thing about Puget Sound and the School of Music:** The flexibility of the program! Even in the classical department there is room to study different genres, and the faculty are open to exploring non-traditional paths for music. Jazz violin is a strange niche, but I've been lucky enough to carve out a space here at UPS.

**Favorite class:** Physics of Music, Dreams and Desire, Human Nature

**Favorite musical memory at Puget Sound (so far):** The jazz combo that I play in booked the Rendezvous room in the Cellar for a gig over Halloween weekend. We invited our friends to come see us play in that quirky space. A great gig!

**Favorite place on campus:** Alcorn Arboretum. How lucky we are to be able to study in the middle of a mini-forest.

**Looking forward to:** Developing my classical and jazz chops with the faculty, continuing to work as a gigging musician on and off campus, and following my major path of International Political Economy.