

**Name:** Jordan Loucks

**Hometown:** Puyallup, WA

**Instruments:** Bass Clarinet

**Major:** Music Education

**Musical Involvements:** Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, MUSAC, UPS Music Education Club

**Involvements Outside Music:** Barista at Oppenheimer Cafe, Intramurals

**Favorite thing about Puget Sound and the School of Music:** The faculty! I feel incredibly lucky to have such inspiring professors and instructors who have so much experience in different walks of life and music. Being such a small school, I feel like I get to know who my professors are (and them me) on a deeper level, to see the work they are doing outside of the classroom, and to get my questions thoroughly answered.

**On why I chose Puget Sound:** I chose Puget Sound because I wanted a liberal arts education, to learn and grow in more areas than my declared major, and to challenge myself educationally. When I came on a campus visit everyone was so welcoming, and I wanted to be a part of a small campus community. Professors know my name, there are many opportunities to get involved, and I run into people I know all over campus. I also have multiple role models in my life who are Puget Sound alumni, and I love the Pacific Northwest.

**Favorite musical memory at Puget Sound (so far):**

Wind Ensemble my first semester. It was such a fun experience getting to come into such a high level group and work with Dr. Morris, and throughout the semester we played some of my favorite pieces we've done yet. We also went on tour to Bend, which is when I started to become friends with many of the people I still surround myself with today.



**Favorite place on campus:** The trees on the grass next to Todd field in my hammock. Also Oppenheimer Cafe.

**Favorite classes:** I enjoy looking at different types of music and where and how they began in Dr. Block's music history classes. I get the opportunity to challenge myself, do research, and read and write about things we are learning. Another class I really enjoyed was the Education class that I took on the American school system. I also like critical thinking and problem solving, and music theory with Dr. Hutchinson has been a fun way to do this.

**Looking forward to:** I applied to study abroad in Granada, Spain in the Spring of 2018 and look forward to that both educational and life experience. I also am excited to start being able to take more upper level and elective courses both in and outside my major in the next couple of years.