

JAZZ STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Program Overview

The Concentration in Jazz Studies is intended to help students interested in jazz to develop the skills necessary to be a marketable professional jazz and studio musician. Students in the program will study jazz styles, history, improvisational techniques, arranging and composition, and have opportunities in a recording studio both performing and recording their own work. Students also receive private lessons from professional jazz artists on their instrument. The regular requirements of the primary music degree are not affected; the jazz courses only apply to electives.

Any student completing the Jazz Studies concentration will be a highly diverse performer, having experience as a soloist, a member of a band or orchestra as well as with playing in large and small jazz ensembles. Graduates will possess the necessary skills to arrange and compose for jazz and studio ensembles, and will be prepared to work in almost every musical arena available today.

The Concentration in Jazz Studies is intended to train students to have marketable skills for working as professional jazz and studio musicians. The Concentration in Jazz Studies is not intended to be a substitute for any of the professional degrees offered by the Department of Music.

Students may receive the Concentration in Jazz Studies with any major degree program offered through the University. This concentration is best suited with a Bachelor of Music or a Bachelor of Arts in Music; a very hardworking Bachelor of Music Education student could receive it, although extra time may be necessary.

Code	Title	Hours
MUS 010	JAZZ HISTORY	2
MUS 012	JAZZ THEORY / KEYBOARD	2
MUS 055	JAZZ IMPROVISATION I	2
MUS 056	JAZZ IMPROVISATION II	2
MUS 133	JAZZ ARRANGING AND COMPOSITION	2
MUS 144	STUDIO RECORDING TECHNIQUES	2
MUS 145	JAZZ ENSEMBLE	1
MUS 181	CHAMBER ENSEMBLE	1-3
Applied Jazz Courses		
Select two credits from the following:		2
MUS 183	JAZZ PIANO	
MUS 184	JAZZ BASS	
MUS 196	JAZZ GUITAR	
MUS 197	JAZZ WIND	
MUS 198	JAZZ WIND INSTRUMENTS	
Total Hours		16-18