



DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS
COURSE OUTLINE – MU1490 2014-15
Jazz Ensemble I

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OFFICE HOURS:	Office Hours by Appointment		

PREREQUISITE(S): Consent of department based upon audition.

COREQUISITE: MU1490 is required for all Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Combined degree students registered in MU1250 and a recommended corequisite for students enrolled in MU1240 and MU1250

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: Musical instrument and accessories. Music for concerts is provided.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: The jazz ensemble is a performing group consisting of brass, woodwind, string, and percussion instruments that plays jazz band literature in at least two concerts per year. Students will gain experience performing ensemble literature from a variety of periods and genres. This is a two-term course offered over Fall/Winter terms. It is identifiable in the Schedule of Courses (Timetable) with a Part A and a Part B. Students music register in both the Part A and the Part B of all types of sections offered (sections, labs, seminars, etc.) for this course.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 3 (0-0-4) UT 120 Hours

DELIVERY MODE(S): Rehearsal-Performance

LEARNING OUTCOMES: The development of playing skills to match the difficulty of the music. Each concert, the band performs professional jazz ensemble charts and there is a conscious effort to include the greatest variety of music for the concert music that is performed throughout the year. This includes medium swing, fast swing, ballad, blues, funk, rock, solo features, mixed metre, contemporary, pop, novelty, jazz waltz, Latin, and pieces for solo voice with jazz ensemble. Music

from the finest jazz ensembles is featured including those directed by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Maynard Ferguson, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones, Rob McConnell, Bennie Goodman, Les Hooper, Gordon Goodwin, Buddy Rich, Don Ellis, Tom Kubis, Oliver Nelson, and many others.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AF, KUC*

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions.**

Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

GRADING CRITERIA: Grades will be assessed according to the participation and performance in the ensemble rehearsals and concerts. More than 20% absenteeism may constitute a failure except for medical or extenuating circumstances in which case a doctor's letter may be required.

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GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A ⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A ⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B ⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B ⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C ⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C ⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D ⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

EVALUATIONS:

December Performance	25%
Term Work	50%
April Performance	25%

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are required to attend rehearsals and concerts.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at

https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available at

<https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Rehearsals held on S8, S15, S22, S29, O6, O20, O27, N3, N12, N17, N24.

D1 Concert in the Theatre

Rehearsals held on J5, J12, J19, J26, F2, F9, F23, M2, M9, M16, M23, M30

A6 Concert in the Theatre