MUSI 131A.01: UM Jazz Band I

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Expectations: The Jazz Ensemble I is a group providing the highest level of musical achievement, precision, improvisation, intensity and diligence in the jazz program. Because of the level of music and visibility of the ensemble, members are required to spend considerable time outside of rehearsal preparing music as well as improvisation sections for the highest level of musicality and success. If the director feels that ample preparation and responsibility to the parts, section and ensemble are not adequate, he reserves the right to remove that member from the group for the overall goals and success of the ensemble. Members of the ensemble are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances.

*In order to obtain an A, you will need to attend 5 jazz performances (not including Jazz Band Performances)*

Section Leaders: Each section of the ensemble will have a designated leader. That leader is responsible for the musical preparation of the section. Preparation may include weekly sectionals outside of designated ensemble rehearsal time. Each member of the section is responsible for attending and preparing music for sectionals.

Improvisation Rehearsals: Rhythm section will be available for Improvisation work. Members with solos are expected to sign-up for times with the rhythm section so they feel confident and successful on their solos!

Office Hours: If you need to get in touch with me, please set up an appointment during an office hour (Mon @3pm, Tue-Fri @12noon)

Academic Honesty: All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or disciplinary sanction by the University of Montana. All Students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/Index.cfm/page/1321.
Grade Requirements:

To Earn an A
1. Considerable time spent outside of rehearsal preparing parts in order that the director can hear progress and does not have to spend additional time in rehearsal to learn notes & rhythms
2. At least 5 (five) sectionals
3. Attending at least 3 (three) guest artist workshops/clinics OUTSIDE of normal rehearsal times
4. Helping to promote concerts & events 2 (two) times
5. Attending all rehearsals and when absent supplying a substitute musician
6. Attending ALL Jazz Concerts of other UM performing groups

To Earn a B
1. Time spent outside of rehearsal preparing parts in order that the director can hear progress and does not have to spend too much additional time in rehearsal to learn notes & rhythms
2. At least 3 (three) sectionals
3. Attending at least 2 (two) guest artist workshops/clinics OUTSIDE of normal rehearsal times
4. Helping to promote concerts & events 1 (one) time
5. Attending all rehearsals and when absent supplying a substitute musician
6. Attending 3 Jazz Concerts of other UM performing groups

To Earn a C
1. Very little time spent outside of rehearsal preparing parts in order that the director can hear progress and does not have to spend too much additional time in rehearsal to learn notes & rhythms
2. At least 1 (one) sectionals
3. Attending at least 1 (one) guest artist workshops/clinics OUTSIDE of normal rehearsal times
4. Not helping to promote concerts & events
5. Attending most rehearsals and when absent not supplying a substitute musician
6. Attending 1 Jazz Concert of other UM performing groups

To Earn a D or an F
1. Very little time spent outside of rehearsal preparing parts in order that the director can hear progress and does not have to spend too much additional time in rehearsal to learn notes & rhythms
2. No sectionals
3. Not attending at least 1 (one) guest artist workshops/clinics OUTSIDE of normal rehearsal times
4. Not helping to promote concerts & events
5. Attending over 50% of rehearsals and when absent not supplying a substitute musician
6. Attending NO Jazz Concerts of other UM performing groups
2017-2018 PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

MARK IN CALENDAR!

FALL SEMESTER
September 19 – Masterclasses with MARSHALL GILKES Quartet (2pm/3pm)
September 20 – Masterclass with MARSHALL GILKES Quartet (1pm)
September 20 – Jazz Artist Series w/MARSHALL GILKES Quartet (7:30pm – Recital Hall)
October 17 – Jazz at the Break with UM Small Groups
October 24 – Guest Artist BOB CURNOW
October 25 – Jazz Bands Concert “Artistry in Rhythm” with guest artist BOB CURNOW
November 6 – Jazz at the Break with UM Small Groups
November 17 – Jazz Bands Concert “Don’t Git Sassy”
Saturday, December 16 – Holiday Performance at the Missoula Winery

SPRING SEMESTER
February 8-11 – UM Jazz Ensemble California Tour & El Cerrito Jazz Festival
February 12 – Jazz at the Break with UM Small Groups
February 14 – Jazz Artist Series w/GRETA METASSA and Friends
February 26/27 – UM Jazz Ensemble performs at UM Concert Band Festival
March 5 – Jazz At the Break with UM Small Groups
March 14 – UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival SET UP
March 16 & 17 – UM Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival!
April 18 – “Swinging Into Spring” with UM Lab Jazz Band III & Jazz Workshop Band IV
April 30 – UM Jazz Arrangers Concert with Guest TBA
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Mon., Oct. 23  Guest Artist BOB CURNOW

**Tue., Oct. 24**  POSSIBLE EVENING DRESS REHEARSAL w/ BOB CURNOW

**Wed., Oct. 25**  1pm Rehearsal w/BOB CURNOW (DT)

Fri., Oct. 27  JAZZ FORUM – ALL SMALL GROUPS

Mon., Oct. 30  Sight Read THAD JONES tunes, Rhythm Work, Blues

Wed., Nov. 1  Sight Read THAD JONES tunes, Rhythm Work, Blues

Fri., Nov. 3  JAZZ FORUM – ALL SMALL GROUPS (3 perform)

Mon., Nov. 6  Sight Read THAD JONES tunes

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6- SMALL GROUP CONCERT AT THE BREAK (7PM SET UP)**

Wed., Nov. 8  THAD JONES Tunes, Rhythm Work, Blues

Fri., Nov. 10  NO REHEARAL – VETERAN’S DAY/ALL STAR WEEKEND

Mon. Nov. 13  THAD JONES tunes, Rhythm Work, Blues

Wed., Nov. 15  Huey Tunes, Rhythm Work, Blues

**Thu, Nov 16**  **EVENING DRESS REHEARSAL (TBA)**

**Fri., Nov. 17**  **Rehearsal THAD JONES TUNES (DT)**

**Fri, Nov. 17**  **EVENING CONCERT- BIG BANDS– 7:30PM (DT)**

Mon., Nov. 20  Sight Read Holiday Swing Tunes

Mon. Nov. 27  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Wed. Nov. 29  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Fri., Dec. 1  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Mon. Dec. 4  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Wed. Dec. 6  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Mon. Dec. 11  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

Fri. Dec. 15  Rehearse Holiday Swing Tunes

**Sat. Dec. 16**  **6th Annual Holiday Swing Performance (Missoula Winery)**

**Guest Artist – JIM ROTONDI (tpt)**
NASM STANDARDS

1. **Performance**
   **Students must acquire:**
   a. Technical skills requisite for artistic self-expression in at least one major performance area at a level appropriate for the particular music concentration.
   b. An overview understanding of the repertory in their major performance area and the ability to perform from a cross-section of that repertory.
   c. The ability to read at sight with fluency.
   d. Knowledge and skills sufficient to work as a leader and in collaboration on matters of musical interpretation. Rehearsal and conducting skills are required as appropriate to the particular music concentration.
   e. Growth in artistry, technical skills, collaborative competence and knowledge of repertory through regular ensemble experiences. Ensembles should be varied both in size and nature.

2. **Aural Skills and Analysis**
   **Students must acquire:**
   a. An understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interaction, and the ability to employ this understanding in aural, verbal, and visual analyses.
   b. Sufficient understanding of musical forms, processes and structures to use this knowledge in compositional, performance, scholarly, pedagogical and historical contexts, according to the requisites of their specializations.
   c. The ability to place music in historical, cultural and stylistic contexts.

3. **Composition and Improvisation**
   **Students must acquire:**
   a. Rudimentary capacity to create derivative or original music both extemporaneously and in written form.
   b. The ability to compose, improvise, or both at a basic level in one or more musical languages, for example, the imitation of various musical styles, improvisation on pre-existing materials, the creation of original compositions, experimentation with various sound sources, and manipulating the common elements in non-traditional ways.

4. **Repertory and History**
   **Students must acquire:**
   a. A basic knowledge of music history through the present time.
   b. An acquaintance with repertories beyond the area of specialization. All students must be exposed to a large and varied body of music through study and attendance at recitals, concerts, opera and musical theatre productions and other performances. With regard to specific content, music has a long history, many repertories, and multiple connections with cultures. Content in and study of these areas are vast and growing. Each institution is responsible for choosing from among this material when establishing basic requirements. Each is responsible for breadth and depth, and for setting proportions between them. Content choices and emphases, as well as means for developing competency, reflect institutional mission, areas of concentration offered, and the goals of the music unit.
NASM STANDARDS CONT.

6. Synthesis
   While synthesis is a lifetime process, by the end of undergraduate study students should be:
   a. Working independently on a variety of musical problems by combining their capabilities in performance, aural, verbal and visual analysis; composition and improvisation; and repertory and history.
   b. Forming and defending value judgments about music.
   c. Acquiring the tools to work with a comprehensive repertory, including music from various cultures of the world and music of their own time.
   d. Understanding basic interrelationships and interdependencies among the various professions and activities that constitute the musical enterprise.

Student and Staff Responsibilities
To achieve the standards and competencies listed above, both students and staff must meet certain responsibilities as delineated below:

Student Responsibilities
   1. To develop musical literacy and maturity, through diligent development of physical skills and intellectual awareness;
   2. To meet standards consistent with those prescribed by NASM and the U of M music faculty.
   3. To discipline one’s self to accomplish the many necessary tasks in order to achieve excellence.
   4. To become dedicated to the art. The study of music is demanding but also extremely rewarding.

Staff Responsibilities:
   1. To provide a curriculum (course of study) which will prepare students for a career in music.
   2. To guide students’ musical growth (understanding, skill, awareness, creativity) through high professional teaching standards within the framework of the most complete curriculum possible.
   3. To professionally contribute to maintaining high musical standards through musical leadership in the state and area.