

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

MUSI

Course Number

1301

Course Title

Jazz Band

Catalog Description

Jazz Band is a performance based lab that is open to musicians of all skill levels. The course will deal primarily with the techniques needed to perform and improvise on standard jazz band repertoire. Performance material will include well known jazz standards, blues, rhythm changes, ballads, bossa novas, and jazz-rock fusion. Classes will include lectures on jazz theory, harmony, and improvisation strategies. Students will supply instruments and some public performances may be required. May be repeated once for credit.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

1 credit hour

Contact Hours

37.5 contact hours

Load Hours

1.5 load hours

Semester Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Demonstrate improvement in performance skills, particularly in the area of improvisation
- Show proof of successful public performances
- Discuss the structure and styles of the pieces performed during the semester
- Provide evidence through public performances of effective, disciplined teamwork.

General Education Outcomes Supported

N/A

Standard Practices

Topics List

Titles of musical selections vary each year. Other topics will include jazz theory, harmony, and improvisation strategies. Some selections will be carried from fall to spring terms, and some become part of the permanent repertoire of the group.

Learning Activities

N/A

Assessments

- Summary critiques of concerts by students and director.

Grading guidelines

N/A

Revision Date March 11, 2021