



MUSC 2130 Jazz Ensemble Section Name Section Credit Hours Credits
Syllabus

Course Information

Meeting times and location: Section Meeting Times Section Location

Catalog description: This course is an exploration of jazz ensembles, allowing students to develop their abilities with their instruments in a group setting. Students will gain a broader understanding of jazz ensemble through study of musical history, as well as various practice exercises and performances.

Terms offered: Fall and Spring

Section-specific Course Description:

Course Level Objectives

By the end of this course students will have a basic understanding of jazz and the beginner level forms associated with it. Students will be able to perform a variety of standard jazz/popular music repertoire. Students will also have an elementary knowledge of the 12 bar blues form and how to improvise over that form using fundamental chords. The student will have an in-depth understanding of how theory relates to jazz music. The student will be prepared to perform a college concert on stage.

Required Texts and/or Materials

MATERIALS: Metronome, Pencil, Tuner, Listening Device, and instrument.

Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

Course Requirements

Students will do the following activities: Students will explore a variety of music and musical styles through sight reading, practice, and performance. Students will utilize and reinforce music reading and playing skills. Students will learn techniques of ensemble playing. Students will broaden their knowledge of musical literature for their ensemble. Students will continue to expand their knowledge of music notation. Students will refine their technical ability on their instrument.

General topics and skills include: Tone Production, Breathing, Intonation, Articulation, Rhythm, Technique and Jazz Studies (including improvisation, transcription, performing and listening

Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

MUSICIAN ETHICS: Practice music on your own time. Be open to instruction and suggestions. Be on time. Be respectful and welcoming. Be a professional. Follow Covid 19 Guidelines. YOU NOT FOLLOWING COVID INSTRUCTION IS IN VIOLATION WITH THE SJC STUDENT & TEACHER HANDBOOK. Please follow Covid Guidelines, NO EXCEPTIONS. You will be asked to leave if you don't comply.

Grading

Final grades are calculated based on the following... Grading is based on attendance, preparation, progress and performance. Each unexcused absence will result in the lowering of the final grade. Tardiness will be recorded and will negatively affect your grade.

Course Time Commitment

Daily practice and outside of class preparation to command your parts and learn the compositions. A few hours per week.

Canvas Participation and Expectations

None.

Participation and Attendance Policy

Students should notify the instructor 24 hours in advance if they need will be absent. If proper notification wasn't given to the instructor in advance, your absence will be considered as unexcused.

Instructor Response Times & Regular Interaction Expectations

Within a few days.

Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

Course Schedule

Tuesday 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM Jazz Combo 1

Tuesday 7:00-9:00 PM Big Band

Wednesday 6:00-6:50 Jazz Combo 2

Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For password reset and and Canvas support, visit the [Student Technology Guide](#) website.

Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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Student Support

At San Juan College, we are committed to supporting your academic success and overall well-being. We recognize that college life can be challenging and stressful, impacting both learning and personal health. We are here to help you succeed.

Academic Support and Resources

We provide a range of academic support services to help you stay on track on your educational journey. Free resources include tutoring, computer loans, life skills workshops, and so much more. Visit the [Academic Support and Resources](#) webpage to learn more about support and resources available through Academic Advising, the Tutoring Center, the Student Resource Center (formerly Student Achievement Center) and the Testing Center.

Student Support and Resources

If you or someone you know could benefit from counseling, accessibility services, career exploration, veteran transitional assistance, or any of our other support services, visit the [Student Support and Resources](#) webpage where you'll find detailed information about various resources available to you as an SJC student.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free resources to enhance your college experience and ensure your success.

College Policies and Resources for Current Students

The [Student Handbook](#) provides information on student support, student organizations, and student conduct policies at San Juan College.

The San Juan College catalog outlines the [Academic Policies](#) students need to know.

Healthy and Safe Practices for Being on Campus

We want a healthy and safe campus for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Contagious diseases and your responsibility:

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, fever, flu or even the common cold, you should stay home. Do not come to campus if you are feeling sick. Contact your instructor about missing class (and review your instructor's policies on missed or late work). Being sick does not necessarily excuse you from completing your work on time.

Safety on campus and your responsibility:

If you are on campus and experience or witness an emergency, call 9-1-1 first and then the Department of Public Safety at 505-566-3333 (or just 3333 if calling from a campus phone).

When you are on campus, be aware of your surroundings. If you need an escort to your vehicle, call 505-566-4444 (DPS non-emergency line) or 505-215-3091 (officer on duty line).

The College will send information for campus emergencies through SJC AlertAware, email and the webpage. Stay informed and stay safe.

Inclement Weather Information

Students will receive notification of class delays and cancellations due to inclement weather via the SJC AlertAware and SJC student email. Face-to-face classes will not meet in person; however, students are advised to check with instructors about alternative meeting options, as some may choose to meet via zoom. Hybrid classes will meet as scheduled via zoom. For questions regarding your class delay or cancelation, please contact your instructor.

Online Course Fee

Online Courses - San Juan College requires all online courses to include some form of assessment to demonstrate the mastery of course objectives. This could include exams, capstone projects, e-portfolios, presentations, final papers or other appropriate assessments. The use of a proctoring platform, plagiarism detection software or other method to ensure that assessments are completed by the enrolled student is required.

A course fee of \$5.00 is assessed for all online courses at San Juan College to cover the cost of the above services. Students who are required to take a proctored exam and choose to use a physical testing center outside the SJC Testing Center or SJC Disability Services will be responsible for the cost of using that center.