

COURSE SYLLABUS

MUSIC 16 - JAZZ HISTORY AND APPRECIATION
3 UNITS - DR. SNYDER
MWF 11:00am - 11:50am

OFFICE HOURS: MTTH- 3:00 - 4:00pm - Music Bldg. and/or 352 (x280)

CLASS WILL NOT MEET: M-Jan. 17(MLK B-day); F-Feb. 18(Lincoln's B-day); M-Feb. 21(Wash.'s B-day);
MWF-April 17-21(spring break)

DROP DEADLINE: Friday, March 10, 2000. After this date, a grade will be given.

FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, May 17, 2000 - 10:30am - 12:30pm

REQUIRED TEXT AND SUPPLIES:

Text: Gridley: A History of Jazz with 2 accompanying Cassette Tapes and/or CD's

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Students are expected to attend each class. After six absences, students will be dropped. If a student is tardy, it is his/her responsibility to notify the instructor immediately after class so that the absence is changed to a tardy. A tardy in excess of 20 minutes is considered an absence. If a student exceeds the six absences after the drop date, he/she will receive an "F".

TOPICS:

Elements of Music. Jazz Terminology. Jazz styles and historical development. Important figures in Jazz History.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Reading and/or written homework assignments will be given daily. Late assignments will receive half credit. No credit will be given for assignments that are more than one week late. Late assignments cannot be re-done. Re-done assignments will be accepted only until the unit test on that material is given. Mid-term tests will be given approximately every 3-4 weeks.

Oral Report/Research Paper: Every student will be given a topic for personal research. Each student will be required to present to the class an oral presentation of at least 20 minutes on the assigned topic. A research paper of at least ten typewritten pages on the same topic will be required for a semester grade of A or B. Research papers will be due on the day the oral report is given. No exceptions! The oral report will have the weight of a mid-term exam.

Concert Reports: Written reports of concerts of live music are required of all students as follows:

For Grade of "A" - 4 concert reports

For Grade of "B" - 3 concert reports

For Grade of "C" - 2 concert reports

for Grade of "D" - 1 concert reports

Concert reports are due no later than one week after the concert has taken place. Approved videos may substitute for up to two live concerts.

Due Dates for Concert Reports:

First Report - Friday, Feb. 4, 2000

Second Report - Friday, March 3, 2000

Third Report - Friday, April 7, 2000

Fourth Report - Friday, May 5, 2000

Students who have not turned in at least one Concert Report by March 3, 2000 will be dropped.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Written Assignments/Homework - 40%

Mid-Term Tests, quizzes and oral presentation - 30%

Final Exam - 30%

No make-ups for missed mid-term exams without prior arrangements. Final exam required unless student has earned an uncorrected "A" grade on all midterms.