

Reedley College  
Jazz Ensemble - Music 52111  
Syllabus - Fall 2011

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Class: Wednesday  
Room: Music # 170  
7:00 – 8:50 PM

Course Description: Jazz Ensemble ideal instrumentation is 2 Alto Sax-2 Tenor Sax and 1 Baritone Sax - 4 or 5 trumpets – 3 or 4 trombones – 1 bass Trombone – 1 piano – 1 bass – 1 drummer – 1 percussion and 1 guitar. This class may have more than the ideal but entrance is by audition and at the discretion of the director.

Course Goal: The Jazz Ensemble will explore all or as many as possible genres of jazz. These will include swing, latin, ballad, jazz fusion (rock, funk, acid etc.). Sectional practice and improvisation will also be experienced by the members of the ensemble. At least two (2) performances will take place each semester.

Date of rehearsals: Aug. 17, 24, 31 - Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - Nov. 2, 9, Nov. 16, 23, 30 – Dec. 7, 14

Sept. 3 Last day to drop a full term class to avoid a “W”

Sept. 17 Last day to change a fall class to/from a Pass/No-Pass grading basis

All rehearsals will be held on campus in the band room (Music #170).

A complete list of full and sectional rehearsals will be made available after the second class meeting, by August 31.

Grading will be based on attendance and concert participation.

We will attempt to perform at the local high schools that “feed” Reedley College as well as perform at least one concert on campus at Reedley College towards the end of each semester.