



University of North Texas
College of Music
Division of Jazz Studies
Introduction to Jazz Recordings
Fall 2021

COURSE INFORMATION

This course is an introduction to prominent recordings throughout jazz history. This class is designed to provide a strong foundation by introducing you to recordings from the different eras of jazz history and facilitating your understanding of the stylistic, historical, and social contexts that helped to shape the music into what it is today. This will be achieved through lectures, class discussions, listening to recordings, and assignments.

- MUJS 1470, Section 001, 3 Credit Hours
- M/W/F, 9:00 A.M. – 9:50 A.M., Lab West (MU282)

Instructor Contact Information

- Eric Hitt (you may call me Eric)
- Faculty Mentor: Dr. Teal
- erichitt@my.unt.edu
- Online preferred office hours by appointment (schedule through email)

Course Objectives

- Be familiar with many of the most important jazz recordings and musicians
- Be able to recognize characteristic traits of and differentiate between the various eras of jazz
- Be able to identify in which era a particular piece was written and recorded and by whom it was performed, using evidence to support your conclusions
- Be able to deeply listen to one recording or a collection of recordings and map out form, textural changes, instrumentation, and other significant musical events

Materials

There is no required text for this class. On occasion there may be readings that will be provided. The main course material are recordings for which you are responsible to have a reliable way to listen and study such as a streaming service or YouTube.

Teaching Philosophy

My goal is for you to gain the skills and initiative to investigate new and old jazz recordings for knowledge and enjoyment.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS/ASSISTANCE

UIT Help Desk: <http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm>

The University of North Texas provides student technical support in the use of Canvas and supported resources. The student help desk may be reached at:

Email: helpdesk@unt.edu

Phone: 940.565-2324

In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130

Hours are:

- Monday-Thursday 8am-midnight
- Friday 8am-8pm
- Saturday 9am-5p
- Sunday 8am-midnight
- Canvas technical requirements: <https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements>

Minimum Technical Skills Needed

Using Canvas, using email with attachments, etc.

Student Academic Support Services

- [Code of Student Conduct](#): provides Code of Student Conduct along with other useful links
- [Office of Disability Access](#): exists to prevent discrimination based on disability and to help students reach a higher level of independence
- [Counseling and Testing Services](#): provides counseling services to the UNT community, as well as testing services; such as admissions testing, computer-based testing, career testing, and other tests
- [UNT Libraries](#)
- [UNT Learning Center](#): provides a variety of services, including tutoring, to enhance the student academic experience
- [UNT Writing Center](#): offers free writing tutoring to all UNT students, undergraduate and graduate, including online tutoring
- [Succeed at UNT](#): information regarding how to be a successful student at UNT

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Please communicate with me via email. I aim to respond to emails within 24 hours.

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

Assessments

Assessments will include exams and listening maps.

Grading

Each assignment will be worth a portion of your final grade. Your lowest test grade (tests 1-4) will not factor in to your final grade!

Grading Table

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Points Possible</i>	<i>Percentage of Final Grade</i>
<i>Listening Map 1</i>	<i>2 points</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Listening Map 2</i>	<i>4 points</i>	<i>4%</i>
<i>Listening Map 3</i>	<i>6 points</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Listening Map 4</i>	<i>8 points</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Listening Map 5</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Exam 1</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Exam 2</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Exam 3</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Exam 4</i>	<i>10 points</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Exam 5 (Final)</i>	<i>30 points</i>	<i>30%</i>
<i>Total Points Possible</i>	<i>100 points</i>	<i>100%</i>

Total Points Possible for Semester/Grading Scale = 100

(No rounding up will take place for decimals. For example, an 89.99 will remain a B and a 79.99 will remain a C)

100-90 = A
89-80 = B
79-70 = C
69-60 = D
59-50 = F

****For the course to count towards the degree, a minimum grade of B is required for all jazz studies courses in the major****

CALENDAR

	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Assignments
Week 1	8/23 (Intro)	8/25 (1.1)	8/27 (1.2)	
Week 2	8/30 (1.3)	9/1 (1.4)	9/31 (1.5)	LM1 Due 9/8
Week 3	9/6 (No Class)	9/8 (1.6)	9/10 (Exam 1)	
Week 4	9/13 (2.1)	9/15 (2.2)	9/17 (2.3)	
Week 5	9/20 (2.4)	9/22 (2.5)	9/24 (2.6)	LM2 Due 9/27
Week 6	9/27 (2.7)	9/29 (2.8)	10/1 (Exam 2)	
Week 7	10/4 (3.1)	10/6 (3.2)	10/8 (3.3)	
Week 8	10/11 (3.4)	10/13 (3.5)	10/15 (3.6)	LM3 Due 10/18
Week 9	10/18 (3.7)	10/20 (3.8)	10/22 (Exam 3)	
Week 10	10/25 (4.1)	10/27 (4.2)	10/29 (4.3)	
Week 11	11/1 (4.4)	11/3 (4.5)	11/5 (4.6)	LM4 Due 11/8
Week 12	11/8 (4.7)	11/10 (Exam 4)	11/12 (5.1)	
Week 13	11/15 (5.2)	11/17 (5.3)	11/19 (5.4)	LM5 Due 11/22
Week 14	11/22 (5.5)	11/24 (5.6)	11/26 (No Class)	
Week 15	11/29 (Review)	12/1 (Review)	12/3 (No Class)	
Finals (Dec. 4-10)		12/8 8-10 A.M. (Final Exam)		

COURSE POLICIES

Assignment Policy

Assignments are due at 11:59 P.M. on the specified date. Assignment instructions and submission will be on Canvas.

The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time.

Examination Policy

Exams will be administered in class via multiple choice scantron forms. Use of notes is prohibited on exams. If you should need to miss an exam, a make-up will be rescheduled with the instructor.

Instructor Responsibilities and Feedback

As your instructor, my responsibilities include helping students grow and learn, providing clear instructions for projects and assessments, answering questions about assignments, identifying additional resources as necessary, providing grading rubrics, reviewing and updating course content, and more.

I aim to respond to emails within 24 hours and intend to return graded assignments no later than one week after the due date. Occasionally this may not be possible.

Late Work

Due dates are for your benefit to complete assignments in a timely manner and keep an appropriate pace in the course. If you need more time, just ask. An assignment turned in by the end of the semester is eligible for full credit.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend all classes. If you are running late, you can still come and receive attendance credit... even if it is 9:49! Please communicate via email if you are unable to attend class. I must be notified in advance if you need an absence excused for professional engagements, university-sponsored events, (i.e., ensemble performances, tours) or legitimate illness. Up to three unexcused absences will not affect your grade. Any additional unexcused absence beyond a third will result in a final grade lowering of 3% for each. Information about the University of North Texas' Attendance Policy may be found at: <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/15-2-5> Contact the UNT COVID Team at COVID@unt.edu for guidance on actions to take due to symptoms, pending or positive test results, or potential exposure.

Face Masks

UNT encourages everyone to wear a face covering when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, to protect yourself and others from COVID infection, as recommended by current CDC guidelines. Face covering guideline could change based on community health conditions.

Class Participation

Participation in class is encouraged. There will be a variety of ways in which to participate.

Syllabus Change Policy

This syllabus is subject to change with notice.

UNT POLICIES**Academic Integrity Policy**

Academic Integrity Standards and Consequences. According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviors including, but not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

ADA Policy

UNT makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide a student with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding one's specific course needs. Students may request accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. For additional information see the ODA website at disability.unt.edu.

Emergency Notification & Procedures

UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

Retention of Student Records

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Blackboard online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

Acceptable Student Behavior

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct.

Access to Information - Eagle Connect

Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: my.unt.edu. All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

Student Evaluation Administration Dates

Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the long semesters to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from "UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification" (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website at <http://spot.unt.edu/> or email spot@unt.edu.

Sexual Assault Prevention

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.

UNT Policy Statement on Diversity

UNT values diversity and individuality as part of advancing ideals of human worth, dignity and academic excellence. Diverse viewpoints enrich open discussion, foster the examination of values and exposure of biases, help educate people in rational conflict resolution and responsive leadership, and prepare us for the complexities of a pluralistic society. As such, UNT is committed to maintaining an open, welcoming atmosphere that attracts qualified students, staff, and faculty from all groups to support their success. UNT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its application and admission process, educational programs and activities, employment policies and use of university facilities.

See: [Diversity Statement](#)

Link: https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/04.018_PolicyStateOnDiversity.pub8_18.pdf

Registration Information for Students

See: [Registration Information](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/students>

Academic Calendar at a Glance, 2021-2022

See: [Academic Calendar](#)

Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/sites/default/files/Fall_2021_Academic_Calendar.pdf

Final Exam Schedule

See: [Fall Final Exam Schedule](#)

<https://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall>

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Undergraduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total hours registered. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

Students holding music scholarships must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and 3.0 cumulative GPA in music courses.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended that you to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so.

See: [Financial Aid](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

Graduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a

required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Music scholarships require a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students cannot exceed maximum timeframes established based on the published length of the graduate program. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college, an advisor in UNT-International or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course.

See: [Financial Aid](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>

COUNSELING AND TESTING

UNT's Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor whose position includes 16 hours per week of dedicated service to students in the College of Music and the College of Visual Arts and Design. Please visit the Center's website for further information:

See: [Counseling and Testing](#)

Link: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>.

For more information on mental health issues, please visit:

See: [Mental Health Issues](#)

Link: <https://speakout.unt.edu>.

The counselor for music students is:

Myriam Reynolds

Chestnut Hall, Suite 311

(940) 565-2741

Myriam.reynolds@unt.edu

ADD/DROP POLICY

Please be reminded that dropping classes or failing to complete and pass registered hours may make you ineligible for financial aid. In addition, if you drop below half-time enrollment you may be required to begin paying back your student loans. After the 12th class day, students must first submit a completed "Request to Drop" form to the Registrar's Office. The last day for a student to drop a class in Fall, 2021 is November 12. Information about add/drop may be found at:

See: [Dropping a Class](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/dropping-class>

STUDENT RESOURCES

The University of North Texas has many resources available to students. For a complete list, go to:

See: [Student Resources](#)

Link: https://www.unt.edu/sites/default/files/resource_sheet.pdf