



## **MUJS 1132 – JAZZ PERFORMANCE** **FUNDAMENTALS II**

**MU221 | WF 11 - 11:50 am**

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### **COURSE PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES**

This course develops core performance fundamentals for jazz pianists, including harmonic fluency through chord voicing, rhythmic control through comping and polyrhythmic awareness, and practical “gig” skills such as transposition, stylistic adaptability, and creating introductions and endings.

Instruction incorporates analysis, transcription, listening, and transposition as applied tools for understanding and internalizing these skills. Students are expected to demonstrate clarity, consistency, and functional command of these materials through regular playing and multiple assessments.

The goal is to establish a reliable technical and musical foundation that supports effective ensemble participation and continued development as a jazz pianist.

### **COURSE POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

**GRADING:** Your grade is determined by the following criteria.

60%: Fundamental Exams (1, 2, and 3)

30%: Advanced Exams (1, 2, and 3)

10%: Transcription Assignments

The final grade is determined by the following scale:

**A = 90-100%, B = 80-89%, C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = below 60%.**

Grades that are one point or less below a cutoff can be rounded up at the sole discretion of the instructor based on a student’s overall effort, disposition, and attendance both in class and in office hours. For example, 89.1 and 89.0 *can* be rounded at the instructor’s discretion, 88.9 *cannot*.

### **OTHER COURSE INFORMATION**

**EMAIL USE:**

The instructor uses Canvas notifications to communicate with the class. Please ensure that these are enabled and are forwarded to your email client if necessary. It is expected that you use your UNT email

address for all correspondence related to your degree. You must check your UNT email DAILY.  
**PROFESSIONALISM AND INCLUSIVITY:**

All students are expected to contribute to an environment of inclusivity and mutual respect, in this course and in all department courses. Please consider how some words, phrases and actions that you feel are harmless and acceptable may actually be perceived by others as an attack on their very identity. Show proper respect for all of your peers and treat others how *they* would like to be treated.

## **UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND INFORMATION**

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:**

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam [or specify alternative sanction, such as course failure]. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students, who may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

LINK: <https://vpaa.unt.edu/ss/integrity/index.html>

### **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.

LINK: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/dean-of-students/conduct/index.html>

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT:**

Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at [my.unt.edu](http://my.unt.edu). All official communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect.

LINK: [eagleconnect.unt.edu/](http://eagleconnect.unt.edu/)

## **ODA STATEMENT:**

The University of North Texas 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 you with an accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You 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 Office of Disability Accommodation.

LINK: [disability.unt.edu](http://disability.unt.edu). (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

### **Spring 2026 Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)**

<https://registrar.unt.edu/sites/default/files/spring-2026-academic-calendar.pdf>

### **Final Exam Schedule**

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

## **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 registered hours per term. 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 schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course or doing so.

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.

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

#### **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/Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the university's policy in accordance with those mandates.

Link: <http://ferpa.unt.edu/>