

MUJS 4720 Jazz Senior Recital Capstone (Jazz Voice)

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Objectives:

To focus on the technique and style of solo jazz vocal performance

To plan a successful recital, demonstrating a broad range of styles and skills

To identify and strengthen underdeveloped skills

To reinforce strong practice habits

To perform a 50-minute shared jazz recital, displaying deep musicianship, preparedness, professionalism, and creativity, fulfilling all requirements musically (as discussed in lessons) and for the capstone course

Required “equipment” to bring to each lesson:

1. Recording device – record each lesson and listen back during the week
2. Charts/arrangements/assignments
3. Water bottle, full!
4. Paper or Device for taking notes

**Warm your voice up prior to each lesson,
even though we will do exercises together in your lesson**

Attendance Policy

1. Lessons are 50 minutes long.
2. Please arrive to your lesson on time.
3. Consistent tardiness will result in a lower overall lesson grade.
4. If you miss a lesson without notifying me in advance (unexcused), the lesson will not be made up.
5. If you know in advance that you can't make it to a lesson, you have two options: you may look at the studio schedule and swap times with another student for that week (this is the best option!). It is your responsibility to contact that student to arrange the swap and communicate the change with me. Or, you can tell me more than a day in advance of your need to cancel and we can search for an alternate lesson time (it may not be possible that same week).

Grading

Each week, you'll be given an assignment (transcription, vocal exercises assignment, piano goal, song to memorize and interpret, etc.), which you'll perform at the following lesson. Expectations will be specified, and each lesson will receive a grade. Keep your standards high – these lessons are for you!

Your final grade will consist of:

Lesson grades: 65% (13 weeks x 5% each week – .5% attendance, 4.5% preparedness)

Recital: 35%

A = Completely prepared; all assignments completed with excellent quality

B = Moderately prepared; most assignments completed with good quality

C = Somewhat prepared; some assignments completed with good quality, others not at all or poor quality

D = Poorly prepared; most assignments not completed or with very poor quality

F = Not at all prepared.

Course Syllabi Information

For complete information on course syllabi requirements, please see the [university's policyLinks to an external site.](#)

(<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-049Links to an external site.>)

In addition to the information below, course syllabi should minimally include the following information:

- Course Title and Course Number
- Course Objectives
- Instructor Office Hours
- Attendance Expectations
- Grading Criteria
- Statement on timely return of student work, particularly final exams or final projects
- Statement that students should not schedule their end-of-semester jury against a regularly scheduled class
- For Faculty, Teaching Fellows and Adjuncts:
 - All undergraduate syllabi for lecture courses are required by law to be available to the public. **At UNT, undergraduate syllabi for lecture courses should be uploaded into the Faculty Information System by the 7th class day.**
 - To access the Faculty Information System, go to your my.unt home page. Under the Faculty Tab, click on Faculty Information System.
 - UNT requires that all graduate course syllabi to be uploaded into FIS.

Rather than including the text for the information below, it is also an option to include the links in course syllabi and review the information on the first day of class.

DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

- Music Building: Across from the west side of the Music Commons, directly across from the elevator
- Music Building: Third floor hallway, across from the staircase that comes up from the Copy Room. Next to Room 322
- Music Building: Across from the Copy Room next to Room 293
- Music Building: Voertman Lobby by the big double set of doors that lead out to the courtyard

- Music Building: Main Office (247) under the student worker's desk
- Music Annex: Next to room MA117, near the triple set of doors on the east side of the building
- Music Practice Building North: First floor on the Avenue C side
- Music Practice Building South: First floor on the Avenue C side
- Bain Hall: First floor by the restrooms
- Murchison Performing Arts Center: Located off the main lobby, beyond the grand staircase, across from the single occupancy restroom (next to the public water fountains)

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 (Office of Academic Integrity), 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.

See: [Academic IntegrityLinks to an external site.](#)

LINK: <https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003>Links to an external site.

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 classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

See: [Student Code of ConductLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>Links to an external site.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at [my.unt.eduLinks to an external site.](#). 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.

See: [Eagle ConnectLinks to an external site.](#)

LINK: [eagleconnect.unt.edu/Links to an external site.](#)

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 Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter. You can now request your Letters of Accommodation ONLINE and ODA will mail your Letters of Accommodation to your instructors. You may wish to begin a private discussion with your professors regarding your specific needs in a course. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester. For additional information see the Office of Disability Access.

See: [ODALinks to an external site.](#)

LINK: [disability.unt.eduLinks to an external site.](#) (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

Health and Safety Information

Students can access information about health and safety at: <https://music.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellnessLinks to an external site.>

Registration Information for Students

See: [Spring Academic Calendar InformationLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-academic-calendar.htmlLinks to an external site.>

Semester Calendar, Spring 2026

See: [Spring Semester CalendarLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://registrar.unt.edu/sites/default/files/spring-2026-academic-calendar.pdfLinks to an external site.>

Final Exam Schedule, Spring 2026

See above

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

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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 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 AidLinks to an external site.](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>[Links to an external site.](#)

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 AidLinks to an external site.](#)

LINK: <http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap>[Links to an external site.](#)

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 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.

See: [FERPALinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <http://ferpa.unt.edu/Links to an external site.>

COUNSELING AND TESTING

UNT's Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor for students in need. Please visit the Center's website for further information:

See: [Counseling and TestingLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-servicesLinks to an external site.>

For more information on mental health resources, please visit:

See: [Mental Health ResourcesLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://disparities.unt.edu/mental-health-resourcesLinks to an external site.>

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. See Academic Calendar (listed above) for additional add/drop Information.

Drop Information: <https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-academic-calendar.htmlLinks to an external site.>

STUDENT RESOURCES

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

See: [Student ResourcesLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resourcesLinks to an external site.>

CARE TEAM

The Care Team is a collaborative interdisciplinary committee of university officials that meets regularly to provide a response to student, staff, and faculty whose behavior could be harmful to themselves or others.

See: [Care TeamLinks to an external site.](#)

Link: <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-teamLinks to an external site.>

