

MUS 125 Enjoying Jazz

2 credits (h)

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Course Materials:

There are no required texts or pre-reading for this course. All reading and audio materials will be given to you by the instructor during regular class sessions.

Course Description:

An overview of the jazz idiom through historical, cultural and artistic perspectives. Objectives include learning about the performers, ensembles, styles and the music by using a variety of audio and visual media. This as a listening intensive course that should provide students with a better understanding of this art form.

Course Information:

MUS 125 Enjoying Jazz meets daily during WINTERmester between 1:00 and 4:00 in room 301 of the Music Dept.. Regular attendance is expected and is important in order for you to successfully master the skills and concepts presented in the course. Attendance will comprise a portion of your course grade.

Homework assignments from class handouts will be percentage graded (%) for correct and incorrect responses. Short response papers (1-2 pages) will be assigned involving topics discussed in class and will be check-graded (✓) for satisfactory completion. Due dates for assignments will be announced in class and assignments are due at the beginning of the class period. Unless a prior arrangement* has been made with me, assignments not turned in by class time on the given due date will be considered late and will not receive credit. There will be a written final exam and a listening quiz given in the second week of the course. The final exam will take place during class time Friday, January 15.

*Prior arrangement for excused absence: If you need to miss a class session for any reason, you must contact me prior to that class session by phone, e-mail or in person to arrange for turning in any assigned work for credit. If you do not make such arrangements with me, your absence that day is unexcused and the missed assignment will not be allowed for credit.

Grading and Evaluation:

Your grade for the course will be determined as follows:

25% Written Exam

25% Listening Quiz

15% Response papers (✓ graded)

20% Homework Assignments (% graded)

15% Attendance

100%

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

Additional Information:

The Office of Disabilities Services implements the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and insures that UAF students have equal access to the campus and course materials. Your instructor will work with the Office of Disabilities Services (203 WHIT, 474-7043) to provide reasonable accommodation to students with disabilities.

No electronics (phones, headphones/earbuds, radios, iPods, MP3s, laptops, notebooks, etc.) are to be in use during class time. Please silence your cell phone and stow it away during class sessions.