



Introduction to Jazz and Jazz Rock: MUS 1310

There is a good chance this course will be taught online, however, the normal assigned classrooms are listed below

Section 002 Music Building Room 105, TR 11:00am-12:15pm

Section 001 Music Building Room 213, TR 12:30pm-1:45pm

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Mission Statement:

The Music Department of Texas A&M University – Commerce promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

Objectives: To give students an introduction to the historical periods of jazz through class lectures/discussions and to increase an awareness of style characteristics with various listening examples. Social and economic aspects related to jazz will also be a focus in lectures and class listening examples as well as the many multicultural facets of the music.

Course requirements/grades:

-Active listening to the music under discussion. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this is a listening class as well as a reading class and that familiarity with the works, composers and performers under discussion is essential. There are many on-line sources available if you need additional information.

-Attendance at one "jazz" concert during the semester. This may be a virtual concert depending on campus status due to pandemic. The concert will be the subject of a concert review, two pages (approx. 500 words) in length, to be turned in by the due dates dictated later in the semester.

-All written assignments must be typed, double-spaced, normal margins, and normal sized font (10-12)!

- Your grade in this course will be determined by the completion of three written exams, biweekly quizzes, one written assignments and class attendance. Each exam will have a small listening portion as well as a mix of multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blank and short essay questions and will constitute 60% of your final grade. 20% of your grade will be from the quizzes and the remaining 20% will be from the essay /concert report and class attendance and participation. Grading scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60, F=below 60

Optional Text: *Experiencing Jazz* by Richard Lawn 2nd edition. (You only need this if you intend to miss a lot of class)

Attendance This course does not require mandatory attendance by the student. However, please note this is a lecture class, and attendance is necessary to do well on exams and quizzes.

Classroom rules: (pending based on pandemic)

- 1) Turn off cell phones or set them to vibrate mode only BEFORE attending class.
- 2) No text messaging in class.
- 3) NO eating or drinking (except bottled water) in class. This is a new classroom so please help keep it looking "new."

TAMUC Jazz Concert dates this semester TBA

Note: I will announce other jazz concert dates in the region as they become available.

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