



Introduction to Jazz and Jazz Rock: MUS 1310
Course will be taught online using D2L

Professor: Mr. Ryan Dahir
Office: Unavailable – Online only
Office Hours: By Appointment
E-mail: Ryan.Dahir@tamuc.edu

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 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:

- You are expected to watch all lecture videos, short essay answers should come from the material in the lectures, not Google. **No plagiarizing will be tolerated.**
- Active listening to the music under discussion in the lectures. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this is a listening class as well as a lecture class and that familiarity with the works, composers and performers under discussion is essential.
- Attendance at one “virtual jazz” concert during the semester. 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 online exams, biweekly quizzes, and a concert review paper. 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. 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. This is not required to be successful in this course.

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.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

YouSeeU Virtual Classroom Requirements:

<https://support.youseeu.com/hc/en-us/articles/115007031107-Basic-System-Requirements>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

Conduct & Professionalism

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment (*Student Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct.*)

University Statements

All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.

University's Pandemic Response

"A&M-Commerce requires the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Exceptions may be made by faculty where warranted. Faculty have management over their classrooms. Students not using face-coverings can be required to leave class. Repetitive refusal to comply can be reported to the Office of Students' Rights and Responsibilities as a violation of the student Code of Conduct. "

"Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments."

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Campus Concealed Carry

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to

((<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer).

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Waters Library

Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

A&M-Commerce Supports Students' Mental Health statement

The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel