

MUS1310 *Introduction to Jazz and Jazz Rock*

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Department of Music*

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**MUSIC DEPARTMENT 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.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION & OBJECTIVES**

To give students an introduction to the historical periods of jazz through directed reading assignments and to increase an awareness of style characteristics and performance practice with various listening/viewing assignments.

**REQUIRED COURSE MATERIAL**

*Jazz Styles* by Mark C. Gridley, 11<sup>th</sup> edition ©2012. E-textbook available for \$9.99/month from pearson.com (<https://www.pearson.com/en-us/subject-catalog/p/jazz-styles/P200000002870/9780137612529>)

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

This course will be based entirely on the required textbook and related listening/viewing assignments. All assignments will be distributed and submitted through MyLeo Online (D2L Brightspace). The student is required to gain proficiency using D2L and have access to a compatible device. Contact the IT Help Desk (helpdesk@tamuc.edu) with specific technology questions.

**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 or local library.

**COURSE GRADING**

The course grade will be determined by averaging the scores on 14 weekly quizzes from the assigned reading and listening/viewing. The weekly quiz will be available by 9am Saturday and

due by 11:59pm the following Friday. No late submissions will be accepted; the student is encouraged to complete the quiz well before the deadline. The quiz schedule will be posted in D2L. Note: There will be no quiz due during Spring Break or on Good Friday.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Email is the primary means of communication for this course.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#):

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

## **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:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
(903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
(903) 468-8148 fax  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

## **NONDISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race,

color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### **CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT**

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 the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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.