

Syllabus as presented on Blackboard for this online course:

Course Information

Jazz Fundamentals I

(This course is 100% online delivery)

Textbook: The Jazz Language by Dan Haerle

Grading: The semester grade is based on the online work listed below and the two live exams:

Seven Assignments (5% each)	35%
Seven Lesson Quizzes (5% each)	35%
Two Exams (15% each)	30%
Total:	100%

Online course work is a good way to present material and can allow students the flexibility to work at their own pace, however, it is somewhat unreliable in determining readiness for the next class level (MUJS 1370). The live exams are a better assessment of mastery of the material within set time constraints and without access to outside resources. Students must receive a score of 80% on both live exams (mid-term and final) in order to receive an A or B in the class. Scores below 80% will result in an automatic grade of "C" regardless of the online grade. In addition to the onlinework, we will meet in person three times this semester.

Meeting #1 – Week of Jan. 19 day & time to be determined (Required - if you cannot make this meeting please arrange a special appointment) - This will give us a chance to meet face to face and talk about the course content and online procedures.

Meeting #2 - Week of March 7, 2016 - day & time to be determined - Rm. 262 (Required) - Mid Term Live Exam (Intervals, Chords, and Modes)

Meeting #3 - Monday of Finals Week, time to be determined (Required) - Final Live Exam (all course content).

Lessons: These include lessons on each subject covered in the course. Read each lesson carefully before doing the assignment or attempting the quiz on the content. A musical example may be played by clicking on the playbar beneath it.

Videos: There are short videos in each lesson in the course. The videos include some musical examples played by Dan Haerle and additional ideas for learning the material.

Frequently Asked Questions: A series of frequently asked questions over the subject matter are found at the end of each lesson . The correct answers are provided for study purposes. Please review these before asking the instructor one of those questions. If you still don't understand the answer, feel free to ask for help.

Assignments: Please read the instructions before each assignment. Enter your answers carefully making sure you are using the correct format. The computer will not recognize a correct answer that is in the wrong format!

Quizzes: A ten minute quiz is given on each lesson. Be sure to study the lesson and be prepared since you do not have unlimited time!.

Surveys: There is an entry survey which must be done before beginning the lessons or assignments. The entry survey supplies the instructor with helpful information in administering and improving the course.

Semester Calendar: All assignments, quizzes and exams may be completed at your own pace. Remember, all work must be done in the prerequisite order (see below). Also, **two deadlines are firm:** 1) Assignment 1 must be completed by Monday of the 7th week of classes or you will be dropped for non-attendance, and 2) Exam 2 must be completed by Thursday of Finals week as grades have to be turned in.

Online Chats: Chats with the instructor have been discontinued for lack of interest in previous semesters. But you may wish to organize some chats with class members to discuss topics. Click on Class Communications and Online Chat to use the chat rooms. You may

arrange to meet other class members in Chat Rooms 1 through 4 to discuss class issues without the instructor. Logs are kept of these chats so be nice.

My Grades: When you click on this icon in the toolbar, you will see a list of all the assignments, quizzes and exams. A grade will appear if you have completed the work. The last four columns show Assignment Points, Quiz Points, Exam Points and Final Grade. The first three of these are totals of all of that item divided by the number of items. So, for example, Ass. Pts. would be the total of the points earned on seven assignments divided by seven. If you got 100 on every assignment, it would be 700 points divided by 7 which equals 100 or your average for all of the assignments. The same formula applies to the quizzes since there are seven of those. Exam Pts. is the average of the two exams. The Final Grade is calculated by adding together 35% of the Ass. Pts., 35% of the Quiz Pts. and 30% of the exam points. **Remember, the Final Grade will not be complete until all work has been completed!**

Honor System: Since all homework, quizzes and exams are done online, it is possible for a student to seek help with the work. Students are encouraged to do their own work for the best learning experience in the class. A grade achieved by dishonest means will not help a student's musicianship. Also, if you don't understand the information, you will have problems with the second semester of the course! Help is available through online chats and email.

Office: My office is Rm. 266 in the College of Music. If you require help, please e-mail me at john.murphy@unt.edu

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Prerequisite Order: There is a logical progression through the work in the class which must be observed. For example, the entry survey must be completed before Assignment 1 which must be completed before Quiz 1, etc. The prerequisite order for all work is shown in chronological order below.

Prerequisite Order of Classwork

Entry survey: Must be completed first!

Assignment 1: Intervals

Quiz 1: Intervals

Assignment 2: Basic Chord Construction
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Assignment 3: Major Modes
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Assignment 4: Basic Substitution & Function
Quiz 4: Basic Substitution & Function
Exam 1: Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4
Assignment 5: Thirteenth Chords
Quiz 5: Thirteenth Chords
Assignment 6: Harmonic Minor Modes
Quiz 6: Harmonic Minor Modes
Assignment 7: Voicing and Connecting Chords
Quiz 7: Voicing and Connecting Chords
Exit survey: Must be completed before Exam 2!
Exam 2: Lessons 5, 6, and 7

This outline provides the necessary information and course expectations for a student to succeed in the course. It is the responsibility of the student to take quizzes and exams and to complete all assignments before the final deadline!