

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
MUS 144 – JAZZ CHAMBER ENSEMBLE (1 CR.)**

Course Description

Consists of performance from the standard jazz small group repertoires. Applies ensemble techniques, improvisation, and arranging. Divisional approval and performing experience required. May be repeated for credit. Laboratory/Rehearsal 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To produce a performing musical ensemble which will meet the ensemble requirements for music majors and serve the college community through quality jazz performances.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Secondary level musical knowledge and performing experience on an instrument or voice.
Department permission required

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Read tunes from lead sheet notation
- Perform at least one public concert
- Apply a variety of improvisational techniques to a tune
- Interpret music from various eras in an appropriate style
- Work with other musicians, giving and receiving positive, constructive comments

Major Topics to be Included

- Improvisation
- Lead Sheet Notation
- Memorization
- Interpretation
- Ensemble Skills
- Arranging for a small group

Optional Topics to be Included

- A. Composition in lead sheet notation
- B. Stage Presence