

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

MUS 135 – JAZZ ENSEMBLE (1 CR.)

Course Description

Consists of performance from Standard Jazz and American Songbook Repertoires, including study of ensemble techniques, interpretation, and improvisation. Divisional approval required. May be repeated for credit. Laboratory 3 hours.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) available for this course. More information at <https://www.nvcc.edu/admissions/cpl.html>

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 performances of jazz music.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

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

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- Sight-read arrangements from the standard jazz repertoire.
- Perform public concerts.
- Interpret music from various eras in an appropriate style.
- Build a meaningful improvised solo in a large ensemble context.

Major Topics to be Included

- Sightreading.
- Interpretation.
- Listening Skills.
- Ensemble Skills.
- Improvisation.