

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
MUS 239 – ADVANCED JAZZ ENSEMBLE (1 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Consists of performance from Standard Jazz and American Songbook Repertoires, including study of ensemble techniques, interpretation, and improvisation. Continues Jazz Ensemble with additional leadership and responsibilities. Completion of Jazz Ensemble 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 performances of jazz music.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

Prerequisite: MUS 135

**Course Objectives**

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

- Sight-read arrangements from the standard jazz repertoire
- Perform at least two public concerts
- Interpret music from various eras in an appropriate style
- Demonstrate leadership skills such as leading the section or completing administrative tasks
- Work with other musicians, giving and receiving positive, constructive comments
- Build a meaningful improvised solo in a large ensemble context

**Major Topics to be Included**

- Sight-reading.
- Interpretation.
- Listening Skills.
- Ensemble Skills.
- Improvisation.
- Leadership Skills

**Optional Topics to be Included**

- A. Arranging
- B. Composition
- C. Stage Presence