



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

MUS 121 History of Jazz I

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an introduction to the history of jazz theory, technique, innovators and contributors.

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

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

- Students will be able to relate developments and trends in the history of jazz to concurrent events in American history, especially as they relate to the history of African Americans in political and social contexts.
- Students will be able to identify by definition or example basic musical elements (melody, harmony, rhythm, texture, timbre, style, and form) and relate them to their usage within the genre of jazz.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A

80%-89.9%= B

70%-79.9%= C

60%-69.9%= D

<60% = E