



**UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO**  
**COLLEGE: MUSIC**  
**COURSE: MUS 4100E – THE EVOLUTION OF JAZZ**  
**Semestre: 202320 – Segundo Semestre 2023/2024 - NRC: 1183**  
**Schedule: MJ 08:30 - 09:50 (Virtual)**

**DATOS DEL PROFESOR:**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

**Credits: 3**

**Prerequisites: ESL Level 7.**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Evolution of Jazz is a conference-style course in English that will consist mainly of professor lectures and classic jazz recordings. This course is mandatory for CoM students, with a major in Contemporary Music Performance, and optional for students of other majors. A survey of the evolution of jazz from its inception to its future, including its contribution and reflection on North American culture. Using various media and exposure to live performance, the class provides an examination of select instrumentalists, musical groups and composers, knowledge of musical periods, styles, forms, as well as critical opinion and analysis.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

#	Learning Outcomes	Level
1	To identify traits that identifies jazz as an American product that began in New Orleans.	Middle
2	To identify and appreciate the different periods of jazz history within a historical, cultural, and musical context.	Middle
3	To understand the influence that Big Bands had in the Swing Era.	Middle
4	To understand the influence of bebop and the development of jazz as an art form.	Middle
5	To identify and appreciate different musical styles that influenced jazz and vice versa.	Middle
6	To identify and use basic music terminology and vocabulary as it relates to jazz.	Middle

**COURSE CONTENTS:**

- Unit One: The Melting Pot turns to Gold: Origins and Early Jazz
- Unit Two: Jazz is the King of Pop: Swing Bands, Singers and Stride Piano
- Unit Three: Bebop, Cool Jazz, Hard bop,
- Unit Four: Free jazz Electric Jazz, Fusion and today

**METHODOLOGY FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL CONTENTS:**

The teaching methodology used in all courses at USFQ follows the liberal arts philosophy: encourage dialogue and enable learning through opportunities to exchange ideas among teachers and students. It is expected that all the theoretical content courses explore potential applications to professional practice and work contexts through the integration of diverse activities and simulations that foster the contextualized understanding of concepts using reality and professional practice as frames of reference.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Category	Description	Percentage of the final grade
Active Participation	Attendance & Participation	10%
Concert Attendance	3 concerts (Virtual/Live)	15%
Quizzes	20 question exams	20%
Listening Test (2)	Recognition of popular recordings	15%
Mid Term Exam	D2L Exam	20%
Final Exam	Final Exam	20%

**DESCRIPTION OF ASSESSMENT CATEGORIES**

**Active Participation:** Includes credit for attendance, music to be included on the mid term and final, as well as in class activities that the student must be present for to receive credit. This includes pop quizzes. These activities cannot be made up or recuperated. Students who are more than 10 minutes late will be marked as absent. **More than 3 unexcused absences is an automatic F.**

**Quizzes:** Three Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester. They are open book and given through D2L only within a specific time frame. Quizzes can only be made up or recuperated for excused absences only and will have 1 week from the initial quiz date to make it up. After 1 week, the Quiz will be marked as a 0.

**Pop Quizzes:** Pop quizzes will also be given periodically throughout the semester and will be graded both as quizzes and as active participation (depending on the type of quiz). Because of the nature of a pop quiz **they cannot be made up or recuperated in any form.**

**Concert Attendance:** Students must attend 3 jazz concerts. At least 1 of the 3 concerts must be seen in person, the other 2 can be seen virtually or in person. Students must write a paper about each concert. The contents of the paper must include; date, location, name of the band or artist, the type of music, the instrumentation, at least 3 song names, and brief description of the concert. Each paper should be a half of a page to a full page. Students must attach a screenshot of the virtual concert to their paper or if the concert is seen in person, a normal photo of the band will suffice. The concert must be seen in real time. **No prerecorded concerts.** The due dates are as followed:

- Concert 1 – March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Concert 2 – April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Concert 3 – May 8<sup>th</sup>

Each paper must be uploaded to D2L by the given dates above. Because they may be uploaded at any time from the beginning of class until the respective due date, no extensions will be given for any reason.

**Listening Test:** Students will be given 2 lists of the most iconic jazz records of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There will be 2 separate exams. Students must be able to identify; the name of the album, the name of the artist, the personnel, and the year the record was recorded and released. Any student found cheating (using Shazam) will fail the exam.

**Mid Term Exam:** An open book comprehensive exam given through D2L only within a specific time frame.

**Final Exam:** An open book comprehensive exam given through D2L only within a specific time frame.

### COMPLEMENTARY BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Brown, John R. *A Concise History of Jazz*. Pacific, MO: Mel Bay Publications, 2004.

Gioia, Ted *A Concise History of Jazz*. New York, NY: Oxford Press, 2011.

Burns, Ken, and Geoffrey C. Ward. *Jazz: A History of America's Music*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

Selected articles and essays from the United States Library of Congress Digital Collections  
<https://www.loc.gov/collections/>

Selected articles from "Jazz"

Bergerot, F. *Jazz*. Chambers Arts Library. Chambers Harrap Publishers, 2006.  
PDF article only provided in D2L

Selected video clips from "Icons Among Us. Jazz in the Present Tense"  
Public Broadcasting Service

<https://video.kcts9.org/video/reel-nw-icons-among-us-jazz-present-tense/>

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Selected video clips from "Jazz: A Film by Ken Burns" Youtube/Netflix - clips provided in D2L

### POLICIES:

All students taking courses at USFQ must follow the rules for ethics of learning, research, and behavior detailed in the [USFQ's Code of Honor and Coexistence](#). All courses should follow the policies stated in USFQ's [Manual del Estudiante](#). The class will maintain a high level of mutual respect and interaction.

- All absences must be excused or justified. Please email me regarding any medical or emergency absences. If there is no excuse or justification the result will be a 0 for the class grade. **Students have 1 week to justify their absence if they miss class.** Any delay by the student in justifying their absence is the responsibility of the student and will not be acknowledged if it exceeds the 1 week period.
- The course attempts to maintain a high level of engagement and interest. Cameras must be turned on throughout the duration of the class. **All students who have their cameras off will not receive attendance/participation credit.** If there is a problem with a camera, the professor & the TA must be informed at the beginning of class.
- Take notes. **Class notes/outlines are not provided**, like the music the experience happens in the present tense.
- All exams, assignments and correspondence must be submitted in English. Anything submitted in Spanish will be graded as a 0 and any correspondences will be left unanswered.

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

\*Due to unforeseen calendar conflicts, the schedule may change during the semester

Course Schedule (Tentative)	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1	Course Intro. Syllabus Review What is Jazz? Musical Terminology	History of the US and how it Contributed to jazz.
Week 2	New Orleans, Buddy Bolden,	Jelly Roll Morton. Louis Armstrong
Week 3	Quiz	Swing, more music terminology
Week 4	Big Band Era	Big Band Era
Week 5	Big Band Era	Quiz
Week 6	Singers	Stride piano
Week 7	Listening Test, intro to bebop.	Midterm
Week 8	Bebop	Bebop
Week 9	Bebop	Cool Jazz
Week 10	Hard Bop	Quiz
Week 11	1959	Miles Davis
Week 12	More Miles	John Coltrane
Week 13	Piano Trios	Free Jazz
Week 14	Fusion	The Young Lions
Week 15	Jazz Today	Listening Test
Week 16	Course Summary and Evaluation	Final Exam (date to be posted)

**This syllabus was reviewed and approved by the coordination of the respective academic area or department. All sections of this course must follow this syllabus. Any changes or adjustments to this syllabus must be approved by the coordinator responsible for this academic area or department and must be reflected in the Curricular Design system.**