

# JAZZ ENSEMBLE

MUEN 1135 & 3135 | FALL 2021

## Undergraduate Course Syllabus

**Jazz washes away the dust of  
everyday life.**

- Art Blakey

### Course Description

The UT Tyler Jazz Ensemble is a performing musical group that is open to music majors and non-music majors enrolled at the university. The ensemble rehearses MWF from 1:25-2:20 PM. It is offered for 1 credit, and all performers must enroll. Students will rehearse and perform standard and contemporary repertoire for jazz ensemble. Special emphasis is given to interactive playing, some improvisation, and developing appropriate stylistic competency and techniques.

*This syllabus was created to provide you with an overview of the learning expectations for this course. You can find additional details about class assignments and course policies on the Canvas Course Syllabus page.*

**Fall 2021 Rehearsal Times**  
**Monday/Wednesday/Friday 1:25-2:20 pm**  
**FAC 1221**

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In person and virtual appointments can be scheduled. Please email or call for an appointment. My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to contact me!



# Course Learning Objectives

Jazz is America's music. This course pertains to the longstanding traditions of big band and large ensemble jazz performing.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

1. Demonstrate rudimentary understanding of basic jazz chord notation and its various scalar components.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of jazz style and important historical aspects as they relate to the appropriate subject.
3. Apply proper jazz style and interpretation into performance practice.
4. Recognize and use the appropriate rhythmic patterns and articulations for any given jazz style.
  - Combine aural, written, and cognitive skills acquired

## Required Course Materials

- Your instrument in good working order
- All music provided in class
- A pencil
- Mutes, doubles, reeds, cords (any required necessities per instrument are required at participants expense.)
- UT Tyler Jazz Shirt (for performances)

## Teaching Methods and Assignments to Achieve Learning Outcomes

- A. Assigned repertoire, technical studies, and pedagogical concepts will be taught.
- B. Performance experiences will be achieved in a myriad of performance opportunities.
- C. Students will have the opportunity to apply pedagogical and rehearsal techniques during student-led sectional rehearsals.
- D. Artist performances and recordings of assigned repertoire may be analyzed and evaluated as performance models.
- E. Master classes with guest instructors may be offered as pedagogical enhancements.
- F. Through active participation, students will discover about each work to be performed the following (but not limited to): composer information, analytical evaluation, notational considerations, individual performance challenges represented, recordings reviewed working with composers, or other sources consulted in preparation for the performance.

## Supplementary Materials

Additional instructional materials will be provided for students on canvas. It is the students' responsibility to become familiar with the course canvas page and frequently check for updates throughout the week.



[Link to UT Tyler Spotify Playlist](#)



## Rehearsal Preparation

- A. Quality and Consistency of preparation
- B. Consistency in progress
- C. Attitude
- D. Completion of assignments
- E. Sectional rehearsal participation

% of total Grade

**50%**

## Service Learning Projects

- A. Participation in planning
- B. Participation in execution
- C. Attitude

% of total Grade

**15%**

## Concerts & Performances

- A. Ability to follow details of performance (i.e. arrived on time, assisted in set-up/tear-down, appropriate dress etc.)
- B. Execution of music and growth/progress
- C. Attitude

% of total Grade

**30%**

## Attendance

- 10 pts per each rehearsal
- 5 pts if student is late
- 0 pts if student is absent

% of total Grade

**5%**

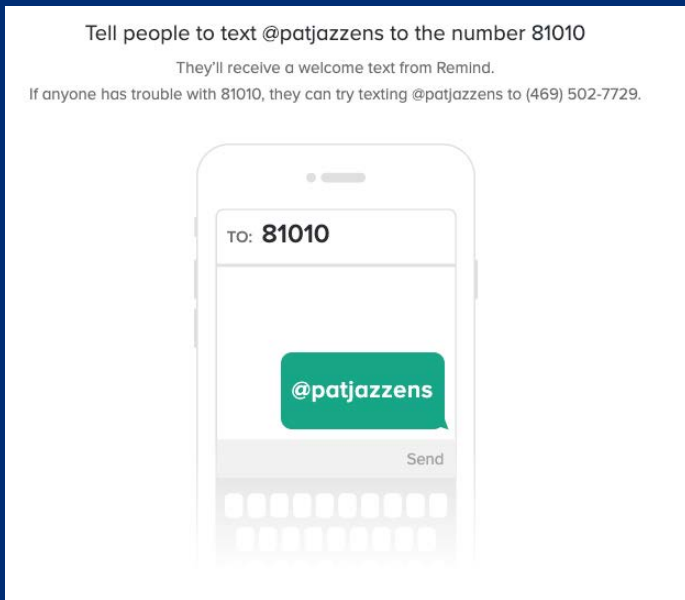


## Grading Scale

- A 90%-100%
- B 80%-89%
- C 70%-79%
- D 60%-69%
- F Less than 60%

# INFORMATION

## Sign up for the Course Remind



## Assignment Submissions

All assignments must be submitted by time/date listed on the course schedule. No late assignments will be allowed unless there are emergency situations and documentation is provided. I highly encourage you to start working on your assignments early. This ensures you have time to contact the appropriate person(s) if unforeseen technological issues impact your ability to complete the assignment. Technical problems, even if they are not your fault, do not automatically qualify you for an extension or a "do-over" for the assignment.

## Make-Up Assignments

You will be given the opportunity to make-up missed quizzes, exams, and assignments for excused absences only. Excused absences include documented emergencies (e.g. doctor's note, subpoena) or school-related activity. Vacations, regularly scheduled doctor's appointments, and work schedules do not qualify as exceptional reasons and will not be accepted as an excused absence.

## Policies

- Attendance is required at all rehearsals, masterclasses, and all recitals and concerts.
- Please contact the instructor at least 24 hours in advance if you must cancel a lesson.
- Be on time and warmed up for each rehearsal. Bring all assigned music and your instrument and all parts in good working order.
- Each student is expected to practice his/her assignments on a daily basis.

**It always seems  
*impossible* until it's  
done.**

**- Nelson Mandela**

## Technology Policy

*In order to ensure that you can participate in all of the activities within the course, you will need access to a smart device (phone, tablet, and/or computer). If you do not have a smart device available to bring to class, please email me and we can arrange for a rental device for class purposes.*

*Please also check out a USB microphone from the music office to assist in recorded assignments.*





### **Academic Advising Center**

University Center (UC) 440  
903.565.5718  
advising@uttyler.edu

### **Bookstore**

University Center (UC)  
903.566.7070  
bookstore@uttyler.edu

### **Campus Activities**

University Center (UC) 3400  
903.565.5796  
getconnected@uttyler.edu

### **Campus Computing & Technology Support**

Ratcliff Building North (RBN) 3022  
903.565.5555  
itsupport@uttyler.edu

### **Muntz Library**

Robert R. Muntz Library (LIB)  
903.566.7342  
library@uttyler.edu

### **Military & Veterans Success Center**

University Center (UC) 3440  
903.565.5972  
mvsc@uttyler.edu

### **Student Accessibility Office**

University Center (UC) 3150  
903.565.7079  
saroffice@uttyler.edu

### **Student Health & Wellness**

University Health Clinic (UHC) 147  
903.565.5728  
wellness@uttyler.edu

### **University Counseling Center**

University Center (UC) 3170  
903.565.5746 (for appointments)

### **UT Tyler Police Department**

University Service Center (USC) 125  
903.566.7300  
police@uttyler.edu

### **Writing Center**

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) 202  
903.565.5995  
writingcenter@uttyler.edu

### **One Stop Service Center**

Stewart Hall (STE) 230  
903.566.7180  
enroll@uttyler.edu or cashiers@uttyler.edu  
One Stop Service Center includes:

- Cashier's Office
- Enrollment Services
- Financial Aid
- Student Business Services

### **Crisis Help Line**

**Available 24/7**  
**903.566.7254**



## UT Tyler Policies

### UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

### Students Rights and Responsibilities

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: [www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php](http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php)

### Campus Carry

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>.

### UT Tyler a Tobacco-Free University

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products.

There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit [www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free](http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free).

### Grade Replacement / Forgiveness and Census Date Policies

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

1. Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
2. Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
3. Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a "W" grade)
4. Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
5. Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

### State-Mandated Course Drop Policy

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

### Disability/Accessibility Services

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Texas at Tyler offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including a non-visible diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit

<https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The Student Accessibility and Resources (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with Cynthia Lowery, Assistant Director of Student Services/ADA Coordinator. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

### Student Absence due to Religious Observance

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

### Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### Social Security and FERPA Statement

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### Emergency Exits and Evacuation

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services

### UT Tyler Resources for Students

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu)
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu)
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, this is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254)

### UT Tyler Resources for Students

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

"Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:

- copying from another student's test paper;
  - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
  - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
  - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
  - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
  - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
  - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
  - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- ii. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- iii. "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- iv. All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by plagiarism software.



# Important Dates

## Academic Calendar

August 23, 2021 Classes Start

September 3, 2021 Census Date

September 6, 2021 Labor Day

November 22-27, 2021 Thanksgiving holiday

December 6, 2021 Study Day

December 7-11, 2021 Final Exams

## TYLER JAZZ Calendar

**E** = Jazz Ensemble **S** = Swoop Jazz Collective

August 28 All-State Jazz Workshop

September 6 Jazz Retreat **E S**

September 30 ETX Fair **E**

October 6 All-Region Jazz Auditions

October 15 Patriot Night **E S**

November 6 Patriot Premiere **S**

November 15-16 All-Region Jazz  
Clinic & Concert **E**

November 29 Jazz Combo Concert **S**

November 30 Jazz Ensemble Concert **E**

\*Dates could be added, however,  
students will be notified with  
sufficient lead time,

Jazz Jams  
are coming back!  
Stay tuned!!