Course Syllabus: MUS 165 - 01 - Jazz Ensemble

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Course Description:

All students admitted by audition. Participation in class once per week, Thursday 7-10:00 P.M. Class may be repeated for credit. Students must demonstrate a past ability to read Jazz Ensemble music, and command basic rudimentary skills Such as appropriate articulations. Students should also show a previous command of such solo improvisational ability.

Required Materials:

The student must bring their own instrument and music to class each week. Music will be distributed by the instructor

Uniform - To be described in detail by the instructor

Purpose and Expectations:

Music is picked by the instructor to familiarize the students with the following styles: Swing, rock, Latin, funk, shuffle and ballad. Students will be expected to achieve the following **goals**:

1) Familiarity with the difference in styles, especially the swing 8th note feel

2) A willingness to take improvisational solos

3) An understanding of ensemble playing including aspects of intonation and following appropriate articulation and dynamic instructions.

Evaluation:

Evaluation is based on participation, preparation of music, and performances as previously scheduled (see back of sheet)
Rehearsals missed by the instructor will not be graded. A make-up rehearsal may be provided at the mutual convenience of the students and the instructor.
Preparation of the lesson requirements will be graded as follows:

Technical & Musical mastery of new materials
Achievement in solo improvisation

All individual rehearsal grades will be provided upon student request. A record of all grades and attendance will be kept in the instructor's office.

Evaluation Grading Procedure:

The course grade will be derived in the following manner:

Performance in 13 regular rehearsals - 70%
Performance in Concerts - 30%

Thursday's Rehearsal schedule

Rehearsal 1:	Sept. 9
Rehearsal 2:	Sept. 16
Rehearsal 3:	Sept. 23
Rehearsal 4:	Sept. 30
Rehearsal 5:	Oct. 7
Rehearsal 6:	Oct. 14
Rehearsal 7:	Oct. 21
Rehearsal 8:	Oct. 28
Rehearsal 9:	Nov. 4
Rehearsal 10:	Nov. 11
Rehearsal 11:	Nov. 18
Rehearsal 12:	Nov. 25
Thanksgiving Break	
Rehearsal 13:	Dec. 2
Rehearsal 14:	Dec. 9

The Grading scale is as follows:

A	-	92-100
A-	-	90-91
B+	-	88-89
B	-	82-87
B-	-	80-81
C+	-	78-79
C	-	72-77
C-	-	70-71
D+	-	68-69
D	-	62-67
D-	-	60-71
F	-	0-59

Scheduled Performances to take place on:

Oct. 29th - Concert w/Wind Ensemble 8PM Wadsworth Auditorium

Dec. 10th - Concert w/Wind Ensemble 8PM Wadsworth Auditorium

Dec. 14th - Statesman