

Syllabus
Golden West College
Fall 2008
Music 136 (#57990) and Humanities 140 (#57989)
Jazz: A History and Appreciation

Important Note: This section of Jazz: A History and Appreciation is an online class; all work and interaction between instructor and student or between student and student will occur online. There are no face-to-face meetings.

Course Description: This course is a survey of jazz, a uniquely American art form. This class traces the history and development of jazz, from its musical predecessors and beginnings to contemporary styles. Audio recordings introduce the student to the techniques, styles, and performers of jazz. Three hours lecture a week. Optional credit/no credit or grade. Transfer credit: CSU; UC.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course.

Instructor: Dr. David B. Nivans

Instructor Contact Information

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Discussion board and email within Blackboard will be available for questions

Required Text

Mark C. Gridley. *Concise Guide To Jazz*, 5th Edition, 2007.

- The package should contain the Demonstration CD, Jazz Classics Compact Discs, and the Prentice Hall Jazz Collection.
- The textbook can be ordered online at <http://www.gwc.bkstr.com> or purchased in the bookstore of the Golden West College campus.
- Alternatively, the student may acquire the textbook package directly from the publisher (Prentice-Hall) at a reduced rate using the ISBN number: 0-13-227221-0. This package includes the book, Demonstration CD, Jazz Classics Compact Discs, and the Prentice Hall Jazz Collection (if for some reason these discs are not included in the above-cited package, the student should confer with the publisher to secure the appropriate materials).

An optional general reference on jazz is Barry Kernfeld, ed. *The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz*, 2nd Edition, 2002; it is generally available in most libraries.

Course Requirements

- To be successful in this class, the student must have the textbook package.
- The student should expect to log on to the class at least two times per week and spend between four to eight hours of time working with the course materials each week.
- The student must complete the exams on time, as there are no make up exams in this class.
- The student will complete any assignments given during the course on time, as late work is not accepted.
- The student should have access to a computer that meets the technical specifications cited at <http://www.onlinegwc.org>.
- The student must have the following skills: know how to use a computer, a web browser, and a word processor, and be able to send and receive email.
- Any attached documents sent to the instructor should have one of the following file extensions: .doc, .rtf, or .pdf.

The Student Computer Center of Golden West College: (714) 892-7711, ext. 50111, or <http://www.gwc.info/lrsec>

The student may gain access to a computer on the Golden West College campus at the Learning Resources Student Computer Center located in the Library in Room 130.

The Student Computer Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 9:00pm; Friday, 10:00am to 5:00pm; and Saturday, 10:00am to 3:00pm.

The Student Computer Center is available to students who register for Learning Skills 920-2 and pay a materials fee of \$8.00. The materials fee includes a CD and case, headphones, and twenty black and white print-outs per day.

For guidelines regarding student computer usage, see the Golden West Catalog or go to Policies and Procedures at <http://gwc.info>.

Technical Help: <http://www.onlinegwc.org> or (714) 895-8389

Exams: There are four exams in the course, each of which is worth 100 points (400 points total). Each exam will be administered online for a limited amount of time. Exams and exam times will be found by navigating to the Course Tools section, or the Calendar, or the Assessments section.

Extra Credit: You will find it extremely beneficial to have the CDs that accompany the textbook package because there will be four extra credit listening exams, each of which will be worth 50 points (10 points per listening question). Your final grade may be significantly improved by gaining extra credit points from each of these listening exams. For example, let us assume you get 70 points on exam 1. Then you take the extra credit listening exam that accompanies exam 1 and get one of the questions correct out of five available questions. Your 70-point C now becomes an 80-point B.

Grading Policy: The grading scale for all the exams is 100-90%=A, 90-80%=B, 80-70%=C, 70-60%=D, below 60%=F. Out of 400 points, 360 points=90%, 320 points=80%, 280 points=70%, 240 points=60%

Missed Exams: Each exam will be given at a prescribed time and there are no “make up” exams; moreover, the instructor does not issue incomplete grades.

Academic Integrity and Student Conduct: Students are expected to maintain the standards of academic integrity, as put forward in the 2008-2009 GWC catalog. The GWC catalog can be accessed online at <http://gwc.info/catalog/508/policies.html>.

Drop Policy: If the student becomes inactive in the class, it is his/her responsibility to drop the course; it should not be assumed that the instructor will drop the student. Failure to officially drop the class will likely result in a failing grade.

Accessibility Center for Education (ACE): (714) 895-8721 for voice or (714) 895-8350 for TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf) Students with disabilities will find a variety of support services at the Accessibility Center for Education (ACE), formerly known as Disabled Student Services. If a student has a verified disability, he/she is encouraged to register with ACE.

Accessibility Center for Education (ACE) Resource and High Tech Center: (714) 895–8322

All students who are registered through the ACE Office have access to a specialized computer lab that contains adaptive computer hardware and software for students with disabilities. In order to use the High Tech Center, students must register for Learning Skills 920–7 and pay a materials fee of \$8.00.

Students registered with the ACE Office have access to Zoom text, Kurzweil 1000 scan and read software for blind students, Kurzweil 3000 scan and read software for learning disabled students, JAWS, Dragon Naturally Speaking, Telesensory CCTV (Close Circuit TV System), adaptive keyboard and mouse, large monitors and adjustable work stations.

Tutorial and Learning Center: (714) 895–8904 or (714) 895–8905 for TDD (Telephone Device for the Deaf)
Tutoring is available at the Tutorial and Learning Center located in the Library Building, South Side, Room 100–D.

Online Instruction and the New Media Center: (714) 895–8389 (8:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Friday)
Technical support for online education is available through the New Media center, which is situated between Cosmetology and the Student Health Center. Students may walk in for assistance from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. For online support, see <http://www.onlinegwc.org>.

Public Safety at Golden West is available 24 hours a day at (714) 895–8999 or (714) 895–8924 or by dialing 911.
The Public Safety Department is situated at the west end of the campus at the entrance of the Golden West Street parking lot. Public Safety is open from 8:00am to 7:00pm, Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 5:00pm on Friday. For more information about the Public Safety Department of Golden West College, see <http://gwc.info/publicsafety>.

College Emergency Hotline

For information regarding emergency campus closures or power outages, call (714) 895–8170