MUSC 2800 SMALL COMBO: JAZZ COMBO

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Course Description: The study and performance of literature composed for small ensembles from traditional, original, transcribed, contemporary, and diverse cultural sources. May include on campus and sometimes off-campus performances. Open by permission to music-major and non-music major students.

Jazz Combo Course Goals: To provide the students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to play and improvise to Jazz standards and music that they will encounter.

Course Objectives:

The student will demonstrate at the entry-division level:

1. the ability to rehearse and perform a variety of musical literature in a small ensemble setting, consisting of from two to ten different parts.

2. an understanding of a variety of musical styles.

3. knowledge about the composer, history, and style of the music performed

4. the ability to respond to instruction and contribute positively to the performance level of the group.

5. Knowledge of and the ability to apply performance techniques appropriate to the style, ensemble, and setting.

6. the ability to perform Jazz music in public.

Test and other assessments; We will try to have a performance each Semester where the students perform either a solo or ensemble piece showing off they're new skills. The students will also receive credit for attending any Jazz concert on or off campus.

Other Expectations: Attendance is a must. Practicing is the key to learning especially in Jazz. Also listening to the master players and composers is essential in the development of an individuals talents.