

MUSL 3327 – The History of Jazz

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Course Description: An introduction to the development of Jazz, one of the most original and important forms of 20th-century American art

Required Text: DeVeaux, Scott & Giddins, Gary: *Jazz*, 2nd ed. W.W. Norton & Company, New York, NY

Class Schedule:

Week 1: Intro to Class, Musical Elements & Instruments of Jazz (text Chapter 1)

Week 2: How Jazz Works in Performance – Song form & Improvisation (Chap. 2)

Required YouTube viewing: *New Orleans Jazz* – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GE7k9D5I5a0>)

Week 3: Musical Precursors of Jazz (text Chapter 3), Early Jazz Sounds

Week 4: Traditional Jazz parts 1 & 2 (chapters 4/5/6) – The “Dixieland” sound of New Orleans, New York in the 20's

Required YouTube viewing: *The Story of Jazz* – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL8yX5b3ObA>)

Week 5: Traditional Jazz part 3 (chapters 4/5/6 continued) – **Test 1**

Week 6: Swing Era (text chapters 7/8) – Big Band Sounds

Required YouTube viewing: *The Swing Thing* – BBC documentary (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APY-dar9c10>)

Week 7: Swing Era, part 2 – Soloists and Vocalists (text chapters 9 & 10)

Week 8: Bebop Era (text chapter 11)

Required YouTube viewing: *The Charlie Parker Story* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAQg-55tZxg>)

Week 9: Bebop Era, part 2

Week 10: Swing/Bebop Review & **Test 2**

Week 11: “Cool” sounds (text chapter 12)

Required YouTube viewing: *Cool Jazz* – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JUSsm4rCFk>)

Week 12: Post-Bop era (including “Modal” & “Hard Bop” - text chapter 12 continued, chapters 13 & 14, partial)

Required YouTube viewing: *1959, The Year That Changed Jazz* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dou3aSZmEg0>)

Week 13: Free Jazz/Avant-Garde Jazz (text chapter 15)

Required YouTube viewing: (1) Ken Burns fragment: “The Adventure” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drNQnH4jLAc>

(2) *The World According to John Coltrane* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOJj4YXWPLI>)

Week 14: Fusion Sounds, parts 1 & 2 (text chapters 16 & 17, partial)

Required YouTube viewing: *Miles Davis: A Different Kind of Blue* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ow2owSQ0Mkk>

Week 15: Semester wrap-up & **Test 3**

Written Projects:

- (1) Research Paper #1
- (2) Research Paper #2
- (3) Performance Review #1
- (4) Performance Review #2

Grading: 3 Tests –	30% (10% each)
2 Research Papers –	30% (15% each)
2 Performance Reviews -	20% (10% each)
Quiz scores averaged -	10%
Attendance/Participation	10%

Recommended YouTube/Netflix viewing list:

- 1) *Jazz Legends In Their Own Words* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDoHo2lpDWU>)
(Armstrong, Ellington, Basie, Gillespie, Peterson, Fitzgerald)
- 2) *'Round Midnight* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si1et6TcbuI>)
- 3) Bix Beiderbecke (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K98UsFxW6rM>)
- 4) Thelonious Monk – *Straight, No Chaser* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9udeWOjjsI>)
- 5) *Blue Note: A Story of Modern Jazz* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrHldDh74dI>)
- 6) *Queens of Jazz* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-r59HKeCM4U>)
- 7) *The Billie Holiday Story* – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbO4QCesRLc>)
- 8) Charles Mingus – *Triumph of the Underdog* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2E7Xs8gD3io>)
- 9) Chet Baker – *Let's Get Lost* (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOR3Bg_BNSo)
- 10) Gil Evans Documentary (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Do4fHA3KKt0>)
- 11) Dexter Gordon – *More Than You Know* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-ScJf6hYS4>)
- 12) Oscar Peterson – *Music In the Key of Oscar* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Hq1I5cP9tQ>)
- 13) Jimmy Smith Documentary – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9fObWXHTv4>)
- 14) Dave Brubeck – *In His Own Sweet Way* (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx7x_hEm9NY)
- 15) Keith Jarrett – *The Art of Improvisation* (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fB5YXgNX-w)
- 16) Women In Jazz (in 4 parts) – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLcCqvboXig>)
- 17) Buddy Rich Documentary (in 2 parts) – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLcCqvboXig>)

short Youtube clips

Armstrong “Dinah” vocal improv. Then trpt. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhVdLd43bDI>
Ellington “Isfahan” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2U1MGX8SLU>
Dorsey bros & Tatum – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JzmeE4yfXs>
Goodman @ Carnegie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8aEVY9IONk>
Basie band “April in Paris” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enijgnO_UA8
Tatum “Yesterdays” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9Cs_zb4q14
Bird w/ Coleman H & Lester Young & Ella F & Ray B & Buddy R– <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9B9tznrdsys>

Bird & Dizzy live – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcTrx0hL1ag>

Celebrating Bird: The Triumph of Charlie Parker (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqorVLscxRI>)

Sound of Jazz '57 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1Ok2Gjf1T4>

16:43 Basie band “Dickie's Dream”

23:30 Monk - “Blue Monk”

28:30 Basie band – Blues w/ Jimmy Rushing

34:00 Billie Holiday - Blues

Miles “SO What” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqNTltOGh5c>
Miles & Gil “New Rhumba” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuzP92geknY>
Miles quintet “Footprints” ('67) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0xkMxT6KGo>
Miles quintet “Joshua” ('64) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GHiQIh6UrFA>
Miles quintet “Round Midnight” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AVHTWTWpMuM>
Jazz Messengers “Moanin'” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynZDm50EgBY>
Jazz Messengers 'Night in Tunisia’
Coltrane w/ W Kelly & rhythm section “Walkin'/Theme” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKNBTZ0TJ4g>
Coltrane classic Quartet “Impressions” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03juO5oS2gg>
Coltrane w/ Stan Getz & Oscar Peterson 1960 “Hackensack” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=beCGdmrP8Xc>
Oscar Peterson trio '64 “C Jam Blues” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTJhHn-TuDY>

Sonny Rollins “The Bridge” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-m4btfYA35w>

Long Concerts

Monk in Concert <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBGhNxTES4I>

Bill Evans trio '65 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqCBFC1Jr0w>

Miles Quintet '67 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVFLYz0SdKg>

Cannonball live concert - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBGhNxTES4I>

Headhunters <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAlejkd-gg>

Weather Report <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehXUyW4-hA8>

Keith Jarrett trio 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lBnwDTA0AC8>

Keith Jarrett trio 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QTf8Yjn7Hk>