

540:055 Syllabus: Applied Jazz Improvisation

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Rationale

Applied jazz improvisation lessons provide students who have completed the jazz improvisation course sequence the opportunity to continue to develop their improvisational skills.

Curriculum

Applied jazz improvisation is tailored to the specific needs of the individual student. At the beginning of the semester, the student and teacher agree on a "contract," i.e., a set of goals. These goals then become the basis of a jazz jury that is performed for the jazz faculty at the end of the semester. A minimum of one aurally transcribed solo is required.

Grading

The student will receive a grade based on the performance in lessons throughout the semester. This grade will be averaged together with the jury grade to produce a composite grade for the semester. It is based on the student's ability to demonstrate proficiency with the skills, concepts, and repertoire studied. Attendance and preparation for lessons will be factored in as well.

Materials

The student may be responsible for purchasing materials suggested by the instructor.

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