

# JAZZ STUDIES MINOR

**Banner Code:** JAZZ

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This minor is open to music and non music majors who wish to explore America's unique art form. It is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists, including students who perform on instruments not normally associated with jazz.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

No prior experience in jazz is needed, but candidates must pass a music audition.

### Policies

Students in the keyboard area use the Keyboard Skills I credit as a music elective.

University policy states that students must earn 8 distinct credits that are not used for their major toward their degree, with a minimum 2.00 GPA earned in all courses applied to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 20

#### Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
Select 2 credits of	Applied Music Options (course list follows)	2
MUSI 107	Jazz and Blues in America (Mason Core)	3
MUSI 113	Aural Skills I	1
MUSI 115	Theory I	3
MUSI 116	Theory II	3
MUSI 171	Keyboard Skills I	1
Two semesters of		
MUSI 300	Recital Attendance (two semesters) <sup>1</sup>	
MUSI 311	Jazz Studies	3
Three credits of		3
MUSI 485	Chamber Ensembles (Mason Core) (Jazz Chamber Ensembles)	
MUSI 379	Jazz Improvisation	1
Total Credits		20

<sup>1</sup> All students who enroll as music minors and jazz studies minors must take MUSI 300 Recital Attendance for two semesters. A grade of S (satisfactory) must be earned each semester.

### Applied Music Options

Code	Title	Credits
See Music advisor for registration permission and options.		
MUSI 242	Applied Music in Keyboard	2
MUSI 243	Applied Music in Voice	2
MUSI 244	Applied Music in Woodwind	2
MUSI 245	Applied Music in Brass	2
MUSI 246	Applied Music in String	2
MUSI 247	Applied Music in Percussion	2
MUSI 248	Applied Music in Composition	2
MUSI 442	Applied Music in Keyboard	2-3
MUSI 443	Applied Music in Voice	2-3
MUSI 444	Applied Music in Woodwind	2-3
MUSI 445	Applied Music in Brass	2-3
MUSI 446	Applied Music in String	2-3
MUSI 447	Applied Music in Percussion	2-3
MUSI 448	Applied Music in Composition	2-3