J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: MUS 225

Credits: 3

Course Title: History of Jazz

Course Description: Studies the underlying elements of jazz, concentrating on its cultural and historical development from earliest stages to the present. No previous knowledge of music is required. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: Satisfies Humanities/Fine Arts requirement. This course enhances the student’s knowledge of Western culture through music.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
None

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Recognize instruments and ensembles;
b. Demonstrate an understanding of musical styles;
c. Demonstrate an enhanced listening skill; and

d. Use a general understanding of the role of music in society.

Major Topics to be Included:
a. Music fundamentals and standard terminology
b. Structure of music
c. Introduction to musical styles
d. Listening to music of different eras

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