

**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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