

# MUT 1362 Jazz Fundamentals 2

(offered Fall and Spring)

Fall 2017

**Course Meeting Time and Location:** Course meets completely online.

**Credit Hours:** 2 credits

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**Office Hours:** Since this is an online course office hours can be made available upon request Monday through Saturday. This helps accommodate our students who have full time work schedules during the week days. If you prefer or live out of town, Skype conferences are available upon request and we are happy to meet with you.

**Instructor Contact Information:** Students submit “all” questions (including emergency questions) to their instructor through Canvas: In the “To” field select “Teaching Assistants” and then select “All Teaching Assistants.” It is required to send all questions regarding the class through Canvas so we can track emails for the course, be able to see which instructor has responded to students and be able to view those responses. NOTE: Please read all announcements before contacting us! Most of the questions we receive are already answered in the announcements and syllabus. Please note that knowing the announcements is your attendance requirement for this 3 credit course (read “attendance requirement” below). If you have not received a response from our Teaching Assistants within 48 hours at that point please contact Scott Wilson directly and he will resolve your issue: [swilson@arts.ufl.edu](mailto:swilson@arts.ufl.edu).

## Course Description

This course provides an intermediate theoretical understanding of jazz harmony, jazz chord symbols, common jazz scales and modes, jazz articulations, blues forms, piano voicings, the basics of tune writing, and techniques in accurately memorizing jazz standards. Online resources include online platform, flash cards, worksheets and 35 instructional videos.

**Prerequisites:** Jazz Fundamentals 1 with a passing grade of B or better.

## Course Objectives/Goals

Jazz Fundamentals 2 teaches skills vital to participating in the current music industry. The online Jazz Fundamentals 2 course will provide students with the commercial theory needed to develop improvisation skills, read chord symbols, extend chords, use modern scales to create interesting colors, and will provide students with the basics of song writing and the blues.

## Representative Text and/or Materials

Author: Scott Wilson: The Ultimate Jazz Tool Kit and Ultimate Music Workbook. 2012, Kendall Hunt Publishing, 1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. The textbook comes with an interactive online platform, 35 instructions videos, 4 categories of jazz flash cards, 70 music worksheets, jazz networking links, etc. *Important Savings.* Because of the scope of the textbook and online platform, once a student purchases the textbook this same book will serve them for their courses in Jazz Fundamentals 1 & 2, Jazz Chamber Music, Jazz Improvisation, Jazz Aural Skills and Jazz Ensemble. Students only need to purchase one textbook to participate in all the courses listed above.

The textbook and workbook for this course are currently available in the University Book Store in the Reitz Union. Below is the link to online platform which offers several options including the option to purchase an online book.

[http://www.kendallhunt.com/jazz\\_tool\\_kit/](http://www.kendallhunt.com/jazz_tool_kit/)

Remember to save your confirmation code (you will enter this code into to access the online platform and online book).

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**List of Videos Available with the Ultimate Jazz Tool Kit  
(Students will be tested on some of these videos below).**

- (1) Extending Minor Chords Lesson (Studio)
- (2) Scales and Modes Lecture Demonstration
- (3) Arpeggiating Minor Chords Lesson (Studio)
- (4) Extending Chords Lecture
- (5) Polychords Lecture
- (6) Pentatonics on Minors Demo and Lesson (Studio)
- (7) Workout on Minor Chords Lesson (Studio)
- (8) Extending Major7th Chords (Studio)
- (9) Extending Dominant Chords (Studio)
- (10) Altered Dominant Exercise and Lesson (Studio)
- (11) Tritone Substitution Lecture
- (12) 2-5-1 Play Along (Studio)
- (13) Harmonic Minor Scale on Dominants (Studio)
- (14) Hearing Harmonic Minor Scale, Quick Demo (Studio)
- (15) #11 vs b5 & b9 and #9 Basics Lecture
- (16) Perfect Blues & Bebop Basics Lecture
- (17) The 1, 4 and 5 chords (Studio)
- (18) F7 Play Along (Studio)
- (19) Eb7 Play Along (Studio)
- (20) Bb7 Play Along (Studio)
- (21) Eb Blues Play Along (Studio)
- (22) Sight Reading Lecture
- (23) Economical Piano Voicings 1 (Studio)
- (24) Economical Piano Voicings 2 (Hourglass) (Studio)
- (25) Economical Piano Voicings 3, Bluesy 6,9 Voicings (Studio)
- (26) Writing First Tune. Blue Form 1 (Studio)
- (27) Writing First Tune, Blues Form 2 (Studio)
- (28) Writing First Tune Blues Form 3 (Studio)
- (29) Writing First Tune Modal 1 So What (Studio)
- (30) Writing First Tune Modal 2 (Studio)
- (31) Get Jazz Instructor Lecture

**To make sure you are solid on the basics, please know the content contained in the Review Videos below. This will greatly enhance your experience and help you understand the content in the intermediate instructional videos listed above.**

- (R1) Chord Terminology and Examples (Studio)
- (R2) Building Major7ths Lecture
- (R3) Building Minor7ths Lecture
- (R4) Visualizing the Keyboard (Studio)

**Course Outline (See the detailed attached Weekly Assignments Schedule)**

Note: On the online platform the Weekly Assignments pages are linked to the assignments and located under “Weekly Assignments.” By following the Weekly Assignments Schedule online you can complete this course by logging into the platform each week and completing the items shown. All Critical Dates for Quizzes, Exams and Reading Assignments are shown in the Weekly Assignments Schedule.

**JAZZ FUNDAMENTALS 2 GRADESHEET**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING SYSTEM**

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Worksheet: Hearing and Visualizing the I-IV-V Progression (no tape required) = 60 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 1 Online = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Self-Profile and Resume Builder = 50 points credit	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 1: Arpeggiating (in all 12 keys) Major 7ths, Minor 7ths, Dominant 7ths. = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet A: Brain Teaser for Building Lightning-fast Note Recognition = 40 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet B: Brain Teaser for Building Lightning-fast Note Recognition = 40 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 2 Online = (see weekly outline for details) 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet C: Brain Teaser for Building Lightning-fast Note Recognition = 40 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet D: Brain Teaser for Building Lightning-fast Note Recognition = 40 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 2: Arpeggiating (in all 12 keys) minor chords off of the b3 = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 3 = Quiz is comprehensive (see weekly outline for details) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Chord/Scale Simplification (add on in back of workbook) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 3: Playing Major 13ths. 2 pentatonic major scale over the 13 <sup>th</sup> = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 4 Quiz is: (see weekly outline for details) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Basic Piano Voicing Using the F to F Rule = 20 points possible	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Translating Voicing to Chord Symbols = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 4: Altering the Dominant Chord. (see weekly outline for details) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Chord Symbol = Scale = 80 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Scales and Modes and The Chords They Facilitate = 60 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 5: Quiz is comprehensive (see weekly outline for details) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Hearing and Understanding Chord Symbols (no tape required) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 5: Memorizing the Perfect Blues (see weekly outline for details) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 6: Quiz is (see weekly outline for details) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Learning the ii-V-I Chord Progression #1 = 60 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 6: Bebop Scale Basics (see weekly outline for details) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 7: Quiz is comprehensive You will have to know pages 46, 47 & 48. = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Private Lessons Journal (back of the workbook). (see weekly outline for details) = 50 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 7 = transcription (minimum 2 chorus). (see weekly outline for details) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Worksheet: Writing a Combo Tune With Ease = 60 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Recording 8: Original Tune (see weekly outline for details) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____
Video Quiz 8. Final Exam (see online platform for details on exam material covered) = 100 points	<b>Score:</b> _____

**Extra Credit Points Earned** **Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total Points Possible = 2000 points **Your Current Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## GRADING SCALE AND CALCULATING YOUR GRADE

2000 Point Scale for Final Grade Calculation
2000 – 1840 A
1839 – 1800 A-
1799 – 1700 B+
1699 – 1640 B
1639 – 1600 B-
1599 – 1500 C+
1499 – 1440 C
1439 – 1400 C-
1399 – 1300 D+
1299 – 1240 D
1239 – 1200 D-
1199 and below E

**NOTE: A Passing Grade of B is required for this course to count towards the UF Jazz Minor.**

Resource: UF Grading Policy Website:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx#calculatinggpa>

### **Class Announcements and Required Attendance Policy**

The Jazz Fundamentals 2 course is totally online so it is therefore required to check announcements online 3 times a week. This is critical to minimize e-mail traffic, student questions, to lower student anxiety over error questions, and it helps to inform students of concerts they can attend. NOTE: Please note that students often have the same questions that need to be answered when in the online environment. With that in mind, the “Announcements” will be the medium that the instructor communicates all answers to basic questions. In some cases a student’s question will require a personal response and in those cases a personal response will be issued to the student. Please note that you may be penalized -5 points for not reading the Announcements or for not being aware of their content. If a student requires 2 reprimands related to reading announcements for the course, they will be deducted -15 points. This ensures scholarly activity from our talented students in terms of being accountable to read instructor communication during the course.

### **Students with disabilities**

Individuals with disabilities are asked to register with the Office for Students with Disabilities and submit to the instructor the memorandum from that office concerning necessary accommodations. At the University of Florida for example, The ADA office is located in Room 232 Stadium (phone: 392-7056). All course materials are available in alternative format upon request.

### **Academic Honesty**

At the University of Florida every student signed the following statement: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for the University.” The instructor of this course fully endorses this

statement and will not tolerate academic dishonesty. Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing is subject to an automatic E and further disciplinary action. All violations of academic honesty will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for disciplinary action without exception.

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>

\*\*If you are repeating this course at UF, please be aware that turning in any part of any written assignment that you submitted for this course in the past also constitutes academic misconduct. See “Scope and Violations” under the Honor Code above.

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/advising/info/student-honor-code.aspx>.

### **Policy on Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct**

It is the policy of the University of Florida to provide an educational and working environment for its students, faculty, and staff that is free from sexual harassment and sexual misconduct. This includes information sent through e-mail. Sexual harassment and sexual misconduct in any form will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action. The University encourages students, faculty, staff, and visitors to promptly report sexual harassment or sexual misconduct. For more specific information, please see [www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/affact/harass](http://www.aa.ufl.edu/aa/affact/harass) (Located in the General Information section of the University Catalog.)

### **University Counseling Services**

Contact information:

#### **Counseling Center**

Address:

3190 Radio Rd.

P.O. Box 112662, University of Florida

Gainesville, FL 32611-2662

Phone: 352-392-1575

Web: [www.counsel.ufl.edu](http://www.counsel.ufl.edu)

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### **Make-ups for Exams or Other Work**

In order to remain fair to all students enrolled in this course who are held to the same academic standard, make-ups for any assignment will require written documentation that the student has been excused from school during the time in question. Without this approval we cannot issue a make-up. This includes all requests for permission to grant a make-up for personal issues involving family, work, deaths, hardships, marriages, pregnancies, illnesses, financial problems, etc. We do apologize for this inconvenience, however, in the purely online environment this documentation is needed to insure the accuracy of all claims made. This is also critical in terms of treating all students equal, minimizing false claims and it helps to insure faculty resources and time are not being wasted.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT ARE PREPROGRAMMED INTO THE PLATFORM**

(When a student purchases the textbook and online platform the following announcements will be located under the Announcements link).

### **Title: STEP 1. Purchase the book and online testing platform.**

You can get a hard copy of the book in the Reitz Union Bookstore or you can order directly from Kendall Hunt and save a little money. See Canvas’ home page for this class for current ISBN numbers and ordering links.

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Remember to save your confirmation code (you will enter this code into to access the book).

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**Title: Announcements must be checked 3 times a week**

You are required to check your CANVAS platform and announcements a minimum of 3 times a week and very frequently. Since we do not have a physical class meeting during the course, it is paramount that you check the announcement platform frequently for instructor communications in the announcements. You are responsible for all announcements posted and responsible for all e-mails sent to you from your instructor. If you miss an announcement during the week you will miss the points associated with that announcement. This is the most important rule for this course to function smoothly for both students and instructors.

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**Title: FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE / MISSED ASSIGNMENTS**

All assignment deadlines are listed in the syllabus and/or announcements.

**SPORTS:** Students enrolled in sports must keep your schedule and take tests early if you are unavailable during testing week. Assignments have multiple days for submissions to accommodate everyone's busy schedules so please plan ahead if you are busy during the final days that an assignment is open.

**SPECIAL OCCASIONS:** If you are getting married, are keeping a work schedule, have an athletic event, are leaving the country, etc., you are still responsible for all the due dates listed in the announcements (please plan ahead because there are no exceptions). We have given students ample time to complete all assignments and accommodate their schedules.

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**Title: All students who are enrolled need to purchase the copyrighted materials to access this platform and course.**

Everyone will have to purchase their own copy of the online textbook or physical copy of the textbook. You may not share textbooks due to the copyright agreement we have with the publisher (Our agreement allows for our students to have the ability to print out copyrighted materials from the book contained within the online platform).

You may only share a book if you are married and you will have to submit the proper documentation to the instructor (e-mail using the platform). Thank you for your understanding with regards to our copyright agreements.

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**Title: RULES FOR EXAMS AND ALL ASSIGNMENTS**

1. You must do all your work independently.
2. You may not work on any assignment or exam together.
3. In this online class you may not share any information from exams, quizzes, assignments, etc.
4. You may not copy in any way the content in this course.
5. Distribution of course content by any student will be reported to the proper offices and action will be taken based on the offense.
6. To keep the playing field level for all students, if you receive answers to quizzes or exams from any student or source you should report it to your teacher immediately or you may be held responsible for possessing the materials.

7. You may not use outside internet sources during the assignments or exams unless instructed to do so (read instructions carefully on quizzes and exams).
  8. You may use all your personal notes.
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**Title: Quiz 1 and Your/ Personal Calendar**

NOTE: Video Quiz 1 which covers *(VI) Extending Minor Chords*, will also quiz you directly on the content of the syllabus. You will be able to use your printed copy of the syllabus to take the quiz and you will need it to take the quiz. The quiz will directly ask you about all the testing dates so "you must have your personal calendar filled out with our assignment dates listed in the calendar BEFORE you take Video Quiz 1." The quiz will make you answer "true" to confirm that you have a personal calendar and that you have already entered this class's assignment dates into your personal calendar. Video Quiz 1 will confirm that you are aware of all deadlines and accountable to report conflicts in advance.

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**Title: Students who have not participated in the online platform by the first day of week 5 may be dropped from the course.**

Students who have not participated in the online platform by week 5 may be dropped from the course unless proper documentation is provided in which case we are happy to assist you. This rule is necessary in the online environment to ensure students are complying with posted announcements and quizzes and to ensure the students are not overwhelmed from starting the course late. Students registering late require faculty resources and time. It is also important to remember that all students are held accountable for all deadlines regardless of when they decide to purchase the materials.

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