

# MVO 6460 - Music Performance

*(offered Fall and Spring)*

**Spring 2020**

**Course Meeting Time and Location:** TBA.

**Credit Hours:** 3 credits

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**Instructor Office Location:** School of Music: Room 354

**Office Hours:** Office hours can be made available upon request Monday through Friday.

## **Course Description**

This course provides “one on one” private jazz lessons with the student and includes several components designed to prepare the student for the rigors of a teaching and performing career in jazz studies.

## **Course Objectives/Goals**

- Develop and understand advanced harmonic aspects of improvisation
- Develop and expand technical abilities
- Expand knowledge of interpretation and musical creativity
- Increase musicality and appropriate musical interpretation
- Increase stylistic understanding of a cross-section of styles
- Internalize memorization techniques for jazz standards
- Develop high proficiency on scale exams
- Develop proficiency on jazz piano comping basics
- Accurately memorizing a transcription

## **Representative Text and/or Materials**

Based on the student’s needs, the text or required materials for the instrumentalist will be selected following the first lesson with the student. This allows us time to access the materials the student already has and access the addition materials the student will need. All students are required to have the iReal Pro app downloaded to their phone.

## **EVALUATION**

**Grades will be based on the following weighting scale:**

Preparation for lessons 40%

Tune Memorization 20%

Scale Exams 10%

Memorized Transcription 10%

Piano Basics Proficiency 5%

Private lessons journal 5%

Scales Journal 5%

Performance exam (jury) 5%

## **CALCULATE YOUR GRADE**

Use the 1000 point grading scale below to calculate your grade.

1000 – 920 A  
919 – 900 A -  
899 - 850 B+  
849 - 820 B  
819- 800 B-  
799 - 750 C +  
749 - 720 C  
719- 700 C-  
699 - 650 D+  
649 - 620 D  
619- 600 D-  
599 and below E

### **Attendance**

Prompt and regular attendance is required at all class meetings. Any class conflicts must be cleared with the director a minimum of one week in advance unless it is an emergency. The determination of unexcused absence will be made at the discretion of the director.

### **Attendance Policy**

All class meetings are required. Any unexcused absences will lower the final grade automatically 1/2 a letter grade, i.e. ...1 unexcused = A to A-, 2 unexcused = A- to B, etc. All excused absences will require the proper written documentation that the student has been excused from school during the time in question. Without this approval we cannot excuse an absence.

### **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 this rigorous academic environment this documentation is needed to ensure the accuracy of all claims made. This is also critical in terms of treating all students equally, minimizing false claims, and it helps to ensure faculty resources and time are not being wasted.

### **Resource: UF Grading Policy Website:**

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

### **Students with disabilities**

“Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.”

## **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.)

## **CAMPUS RESOURCES:**

**Health and Wellness U Matter, We Care:** If you or a friend is in distress, please contact [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or 352 392- 1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

**Counseling and Wellness Center:** <https://counseling.ufl.edu/>, 392-1575; and the

**University Police Department:** 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

**Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)** Student Health Care Center, 392-1161. University Police Department, 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies). <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

## **ACADEMIC RESOURCES:**

**E-learning technical support,** 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to [Learningsupport@ufl.edu](mailto:Learningsupport@ufl.edu). <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

**Career Connections Center,** Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <https://career.ufl.edu/>

**Library Support,** <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

## **INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS**

“Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/>.”

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