

Learning Outcomes for Jazz Ensemble

Depending upon the success of the required audition, students may be enrolled in Jazz Ensemble from one to four years. The level of anticipated learning outcomes, therefore, will vary according to students experience and musical expertise.

By the end of the course year, students in the program will:

1. Skillfully perform an individual part as well as shared parts in the group
2. Balance their individual part playing to match the volume level of their section.
3. Match phrasing and shading with other section members.
4. Demonstrate skill in following the section leader.
5. Evidence knowledge of jazz chord structure underlying improvised solos.
6. Create and perform improvised solos.
7. Demonstrate proper jazz rhythmic concepts.
8. Read and execute complex rhythms.
9. Demonstrate a commitment to teamwork and personal/professional integrity as a member of a performing group