



Course Description

MUT2641 | Introduction to Jazz Improvisation 1 | 3.00 credits

A performance experience with concentration on scales, rhythmic patterns, chord progression, and blues forms.

Prerequisite: MVK 1111 or permission of instructor; corequisite: MUT 2351.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate technical proficiency in functional jazz harmony by:

1. Understanding and performing Diatonic Seventh Chords
2. Understanding and performing the modes of the major scale

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate the utilization of chord types by:

1. Understanding and performing 7th chords in root position and inversions
2. Understanding and performing 7th chords in the context of jazz compositions

Competency 3: The student will be able to apply techniques of harmonic analysis and basic compositional techniques by:

1. Composing various song types and song forms
2. Performing harmonic analysis on repertoire

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge and proficiency in jazz piano skills by:

1. Performing basic jazz standards
2. Demonstrating skills in improvisation commensurate with the harmonic content presented in class

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities