



Course Description

MUL2380 | Jazz and Popular Music in America | 3.00 credits

A survey of the development of popular and jazz music with an emphasis on musical styles and outstanding artists. This is a writing intensive course.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the basic terminology associated with popular and jazz music by:

1. Defining terms
2. Using accurate musical vocabulary in describing and analyzing music

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of jazz and popular music styles by:

1. Describing selected styles
2. Identifying the style of a musical selection
3. Naming and discussing significant musicians associated with styles of jazz and popular music
4. Describing the roles of the instruments in selected jazz and pop ensembles
5. Describing designated social, political, or technological events that impacted the development of various styles

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the essential elements of music as they relate to jazz and popular styles by:

1. Defining terms
2. Describing how these elements are utilized and/or combined in various jazz and pop styles

General Education Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities