

**MUSCP 24A Course Outline as of Fall 2019****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: MUSCP 24A Title: VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1

Full Title: Vocal Jazz Ensemble 1

Last Reviewed: 4/8/2013

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.50	Lecture Scheduled	2.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	35.00
Minimum	2.50	Lab Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lab Scheduled	17.50
		Contact DHR	0.50		Contact DHR	8.75
		Contact Total	3.50		Contact Total	61.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 131.25

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 39 - Total 2 Times

Also Listed As:

Formerly: MUS 24A

**Catalog Description:**

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble specializes in a cappella and accompanied performance of traditional and contemporary vocal jazz works. Importance is placed on ensemble musicianship, singing without a conductor, microphone technique, stage deportment, vocal improvisation, and backing up a soloist. The emphasis for 24A is on the development of sight-reading and accurate vocal pitch. The ensemble performs both on-campus and off-campus community concerts each semester.

**Prerequisites/Corequisites:****Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:**

By Audition

**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended:

Limits on Enrollment: By Audition

Transfer Credit:

Repeatability: Total 2 Times

## **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:

<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>CSU Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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<b>UC Transfer:</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
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**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Major Applicable Course

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**Outcomes and Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Sing college-level vocal jazz works in public performance.
2. Interpret the rhythmic and stylistic elements of jazz through vocal performance.
3. Sight-read his/her assigned vocal line accurately at an elementary level.
4. Demonstrate choral skills including blend, intonation, and pitch memory at an elementary level.
5. Improvise vocal lines in a jazz style at an elementary level.
6. Demonstrate professionalism through regular attendance at rehearsals and concerts, punctuality, preparedness, appropriate concert attire, and general demeanor.

Students repeating Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be able to:

1. Demonstrate greater technical achievement in their vocal performance.
2. Demonstrate development in vocal range, intonation, and stylistic dexterity (i.e. dynamics, phrasing, musical expression, improvisation, tone color).
3. Demonstrate greater skill in sight-reading.
4. Perform a more extensive repertoire.

**Topics and Scope:**

I. Vocal Techniques

- A. Establishing range, dynamic contrast, and breath control
- B. Tone color variation and equalization
- C. Fundamentals of vocal diction

- D. Elementary microphone techniques
- II. Musicianship
  - A. Pitch matching and pitch memory
  - B. Sight reading at an elementary level
  - C. Proper rhythmic and stylistic interpretation of various jazz styles (swing, Latin, ballad, etc.)
  - D. Strategies for accurately learning choral parts
  - E. Memorization
- III. Vocal Improvisation
  - A. "Scat" style singing
  - B. Hearing chord changes
  - C. Elementary-level scale and arpeggio vocalizes
- IV. Ensemble Skills
  - A. Blend
  - B. Balance
- V. Vocal Jazz Repertoire
- VI. Professionalism
  - A. Regular attendance and punctuality
  - B. Preparedness
  - C. Deportment at rehearsals and concerts
  - D. Proper concert attire

Students repeating Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform new literature each semester, thus increasing their skill level and enhancing their knowledge of the repertoire.

**Assignment:**

1. In-class rehearsal and preparation of assigned works.
2. A minimum of one hour of outside practice per week is required for each hour of rehearsal.
3. Listening assignments: famous recordings of notable jazz singers and vocal jazz ensembles.
4. Attendance and participation at sectional rehearsals when scheduled.
5. Participation in concerts, tours, and other field trips as scheduled.
6. Final exam will be a public concert.

Students repeating Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be held to higher standards of performance with each repetition.

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

None, This is a degree applicable course but assessment tools based on writing are not included because skill demonstrations are more appropriate for this course.

Writing  
0 - 0%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving  
0 - 0%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

In-class rehearsal, public concerts

Skill Demonstrations  
75 - 90%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams  
0 - 0%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation in rehearsals, concerts, tours and field trips

Other Category  
10 - 25%

**Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Instructor prepared materials