

College of Central Florida
Jazz Studio
Private Lesson Syllabus
for improvisation

Courses: MVO 2220 (Sec 01)

Credit Hours: 1

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Prerequisites: None.

Course Description: This course is designed to challenge upcoming musicians through the lens of what skills are required in today’s music industry. Lessons are derived from the text *The Ultimate Jazz Toolkit: Tricks of the Trade* by Scott Wilson with the purpose of introducing the student to jazz improvisation from square one.

Teaching Philosophy: What are your goals? How are you moving in the direction of those goals? Is that the most efficient way to get there? Could you have alternatives or separate but equal routes?

Assignments

Completion of the workbook page for each section of the text that has been gone over

Required Materials: Students should have an instrument in working order and a pencil at every lesson. Students must purchase the real book sixth edition for their instrument. Students are required to purchase iRealbook, Spotify, a tuner, and a metronome for their smart phone, tablet or computer. The required text is by Scott Wilson, *The Ultimate Jazz Toolkit: Tricks of the Trade*. If the student does not have access to the correct devices, the instructor will adjust requirements on a case by case basis.

Attendance: One hundred percent attendance is expected for this course. Each unexcused absence from lessons will result in a deduction of **one letter grade** from the overall grade. If you are unable to attend a lesson, you must notify the instructor in person, by telephone, or by email at least **48 hours** before the scheduled lesson. The only exceptions to this policy will be due to extreme emergencies and extenuating circumstances. Repetitive tardiness is also unacceptable and will be assessed on a case by case basis. Due to unforeseen conflicts, the schedule for this course may need to be changed. The instructor will always strive to be fair about any changes.

College Policies

Academic Integrity – Cheating and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated and may result in an “FF” for the course as well as disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct. A student will be referred to an Academic Integrity Seminar. There will be a charge for this two-hour seminar, and attendance is required (see Student Handbook). Failure to attend the Academic Seminar may result in the assignment of a final course grade of “FF,” denoting course failure due to a violation of the college’s Academic Integrity policy.

Access Services for Students with Disabilities – If you have a disability, serious medical condition, a learning or psychological disorder and want to request accommodations, it is your responsibility to register with the Office of Access Services and to provide verifiable documentation to Access Services as soon as possible. If eligible, Access Services will provide you with a notification of approved accommodations to give to your instructors at the beginning of the semester. Faculty will comply with the accommodations approved by Access Services. For information visit the Access Services webpage at <http://www.cf.edu/departments/sa/ss/access/>, contact access@cf.edu or call 352-854-2322, ext. 1209 for further information.

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Classroom Decorum – Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Disruptive students will be asked to leave the classroom. Continuous disruptive behavior will result in withdrawal from the course and disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct (see Student Handbook).

Withdrawal – If you want to withdraw from this class, you must fill out the necessary forms and have them signed by the appropriate parties. If you just stop coming to class after the posted drop date, you may receive the grade of F.

See CF webpage for specific dates for Withdrawal and Drop/Add: <http://mycf.cf.edu/ICS/Calendars/>

The college reserves the right to evaluate individual cases of non-attendance.

Students should be alerted to the fact that

- (1) Withdrawals do not count in the CF GPA, but may not be viewed favorably at the university level or for financial aid.
- (2) A withdrawal counts as an attempt under the forgiveness/withdrawal policy and the course repeat policy.
- (3) There are increased costs to take the course on the third attempt (full cost of tuition, same as out-of-state rate).
- (4) There may be a reason a withdrawal request may be denied.

Please see the College's withdrawal procedures.