



NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PERF 122 *Jazz Ensemble 1* 15 POINTS

FULL-YEAR 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 2 March to 15 November 2015

Teaching dates: 2 March to 16 October 2015

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 3 to 19 April 2015

Mid-year break: 2 to 12 July 2015

Mid-trimester break 2/3: 24 August to 6 September 2015

Last assessment item due: 13 November 2015

Study period: 19 to 23 October 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 23 October to 14 November 2015

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Tuesday, 10:30am–3:00pm (Room MUW1C47)

Thursday, 12:00pm–4:30pm (Room MUW1C47)

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Mark Donlon

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Other staff member(s):

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Roger Sellers

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Communication of additional information

Official notices issued after the course has commenced will be posted on the board outside the NZSM office on the Mt Cook campus. Notices concerning a number of course will also be posted on Blackboard. The Course Coordinator will specify if Blackboard will be used.

Prescription

Development of jazz combo ensemble playing techniques, interaction, knowledge of standard jazz repertoire, and self-directed rehearsal techniques; development of skills for large jazz ensemble including the reading of charts and sectional playing or singing.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. demonstrate competency in ensemble performance on their chosen instruments, including an awareness of dynamics and rhythm
2. demonstrate knowledge of the role(s) of their instruments, and awareness of the roles of other instruments, in a combo, big band or jazz choir
3. show awareness of and competency in standard performance techniques from a range of jazz styles and periods
4. demonstrate the ability to memorise specified tunes, and to apply skills learned in Jazz Improvisation to an improvisation on those tunes in a group context.

These learning outcomes contribute to the NZSM Graduate Attributes. For a full list, please see www.nzsm.ac.nz/study-careers/graduate-attributes

Teaching format

Combo: 1.5 hours per week during teaching periods

Rep combo: 1.5 hours per week during teaching periods

Big band rehearsals: 4 hours per week during teaching periods

See attached course syllabus for more information.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

- a) complete each item of assessment worth at least 10%. Where the item contains multiple subcomponents (e.g. a portfolio of journal entries, or similar), students must complete at least 50% of those subcomponents
- b) attend at least 80% of combo, repertoire combo, and big band or jazz choir rehearsals unless absence is due to verified medical reasons or advance permission for absence has been given by the teacher/lecturer.

Workload

Classes/combo/big band rehearsals: 7.5 hours during teaching periods.

A 15-point full-year course should require at least 150 hours work (including class time). This means that in term time, the midterm break and study week you should be prepared to spend on average 5 hours per week involved in activities such as attending classes, reading, listening to recommended recordings and preparing assignments.

Assessment

Approved assessment regime

The following assessment regime has been approved by the NZSM Academic Committee:

There are 2 items of assessment:

1. Two performances from memory of a short programme of prescribed basic combo repertoire, tested in group performance (30%, 50%). Related to learning outcomes 1-4. (80%)
2. Rhythm workshop assessments. Related to learning outcomes 1-3. (20%)

Assessment details for this offering

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
<i>Performance assessment 1: performance from memory of a short programme of prescribed basic combo repertoire, tested in group performance</i>	30%	1, 2, 3, 4.	1 July 2015
<i>Performance assessment 2: performance from memory of a short programme of prescribed basic combo repertoire, tested in group performance</i>	50%	1, 2, 3, 4.	13 November 2015
<i>Portfolio of 5 rhythm workshop tests</i>	20%	1, 2, 3.	13 November 2015

Submission and return of work

The schedule for performance assessments will be posted on the notice board at Mt Cook in advance of the relevant examination periods.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Students, who for exceptional reasons can justify an extension for an item of assessment, must apply to the Course Coordinator *before* the due date. Please note that no extensions can be granted for tutorial assignments.

Materials and equipment and/or additional expenses

Students must bring their instruments, leads and microphones (as required) and music to all classes. Drummers must also bring sticks and brushes, cymbals and hi-hat clutch to all classes

Set texts

Source recordings will be disseminated by the ensemble tutors. It is recommended that students learn the material aurally and do not rely on 'fake books' or 'real books'.

All textbooks and student notes will be sold from vicbooks, Ground Floor Easterfield Building. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Recommended reading

Tutors will recommend appropriate listening and study materials.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Enhancements made to this course, based on the feedback of previous students, will be covered during the course.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile

- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz
- NZSM Student Handbook: www.nzsm.ac.nz/student-zone/student-guides
- Scholarships and prizes relevant to NZSM students: www.nzsm.ac.nz/study-careers/scholarships-and-prizes

Events

Regular events are held during trimesters 1 & 2 at all NZSM campuses. These events are for the benefit of all students, and include performances, masterclasses, special lectures and workshops given by staff, students and visiting artists. All students are expected to keep time free to attend the weekly lunchtime concert on Friday at 12.10pm, along with other events as required.

Students should sign up to the **Dawn Chorus**, the NZSM's events e-newsletter, by emailing events@nzsm.ac.nz with 'subscribe dawn chorus' in the subject line.

Email: events@nzsm.ac.nz

Website: www.nzsm.ac.nz/events