

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: BA in Jazz Studies

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Specifics (see instructions):

MUSC 338 Survey of Jazz will replace MUSC 214 The History of Jazz as the requirement for Jazz Studies majors.

Jazz Studies Major (66 credits)

Additional Music Requirements (26 credits)

- [MUSC 191 - Recital Preparation](#) (1.00) Total 8 credits
- [MUSC 214 - The History of Jazz: Origins-Present](#) (3.00)

Rationale (see instructions):

MUSC 214 History of Jazz is the current requirement for students majoring in Jazz Studies. However, MUSC 214 is also a GEP course and it is opened to all students at UMBC regardless of musical background. As a result, the course materials are not vigorous enough for our Jazz Studies majors and our students are not as well-equipped when entering the professional world of jazz. The Music Department would, therefore, like to revive an inactive course, **MUSC 338 Survey of Jazz**, and to require Jazz Studies majors to take this 300-level course to fulfill their major requirement instead of MUSC 214. Our current plan is to offer MUSC 338 every two years. There is no change in the total required credits.