

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

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Specifics (see instructions):

Students in the Jazz Studies major will be required to complete BOTH MUSC 222 and MUSC 223 (will be MUSC 325 if approved by UGC).

Current	New
MUSC 222 Jazz Arranging OR MUSC 223 Jazz Composition	MUSC 222 Jazz Arranging AND MUSC 223 Jazz Composition (MUSC 325)

Rationale (see instructions):

The Jazz Composition course provides jazz studies students with information and experience necessary for success in the field of jazz studies. Through the modeling of exemplary jazz composers and the exploration of compositional techniques, students learn current musical practices. These practices provide students with skills applicable to jazz, film, and commercial music. Finally, an artist's training is complete when they have created something new. Jazz composition is the most lasting method available in jazz studies.

With the decrease of ensemble credits (MUSC 320 and 324) from 2 to 1 starting in Fall 2021, students in the Jazz Studies degree will have their total required credits reduced by 8 (8 semesters of ensemble). Therefore, the music department would like to require both MUSC 222 and MUSC 223 in the curriculum to provide jazz students with more training on the essential skill of jazz composition.