

**UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: B.A. in Jazz Studies**

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**Specifics (see instructions):**

**Jazz Studies**

**Current:** Eight semesters of Jazz Ensembles, chosen from: MUSC 320 - UMBC Jazz Ensemble (2.00) OR MUSC 324 - Small Ensemble Jazz Group (2.00)

**New:** Eight different semesters of jazz ensemble participation, chosen from: MUSC 320 - UMBC Jazz Ensemble OR MUSC 324 - Small Ensemble Jazz Group. Credits / Units: 16

**Rationale (see instructions):**

The Music Department's curriculum committee would like to update the language for the ensemble requirements in all of our music degrees. All music majors are required to enroll in ensemble classes for 4-8 semesters depending on their degrees. The intention for this requirement is for music majors to grow as performing musicians through 4-8 semesters of continuing enrollment in ensemble classes. However, since the current language in the catalog does not specify that the ensemble classes have to be taken in *different* semesters, some students opt to take multiple ensemble classes in one semester and be done with the requirement in a much shorter time span than intended. There is no short cut to grow as a performing musician, therefore we want to specify to students that the ensemble classes have to be taken in different semesters.