

JAZZ STUDIES - MINOR

College of the Arts
School of Music
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About This Program

The Jazz Studies minor promotes the development of fundamental skills in jazz. The minor provides instruction in performance, composition and arranging.

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

Admission to a minor is open to students declared in a bachelor's degree, the A.A.B. or A.A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree (not Individualized Program major). Students declared only in the A.A. or A.S. degree or the A.T.S. degree in Individualized Program may not declare a minor. Students may not pursue a minor and a major in the same discipline.

To declare the Jazz Studies minor, students must audition to music faculty in voice or on an instrument.

Program Requirements

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Minor Requirements (min C grade required in all courses)		
MUS 17013	FUNDAMENTALS OF JAZZ PIANO	1
MUS 36011	APPLIED MUSIC - JAZZ (repeated for 2 semesters) ¹	4
MUS 41341	JAZZ IMPROVISATION I	1
MUS 41342	JAZZ COMPOSING AND ARRANGING ²	2
MUS 41351	JAZZ IMPROVISATION II	1
MUS 42162	JAZZ STYLES AND ANALYSIS	3
MUS 45231	JAZZ ENSEMBLE (repeated for 4 semesters)	4
MUS 45312	JAZZ COMBO DEVELOPMENT (repeated for 2 semesters)	2
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		18

¹ A half-jazz recital or approved equivalent is required to complete the minor. Registration in MUS 36011 is required during the jazz recital semester.

² Advanced pianists may replace MUS 41342 with MUS 48598.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Minor GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.250	2.000

- Minimum C grade is required in all courses for the minor.
- MUS 11110, MUS 11111, MUS 16914 and MUS 16915 will not count as credit for graduation in this program.
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be upper-division coursework (30000 and 40000 level).
- Minimum 6 credit hours in the minor must be outside of the course requirements for any major or other minor the student is pursuing.
- Minimum 50 percent of the total credit hours for the minor must be taken at Kent State (in residence).