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# MUS 4902

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**MUSIC 1902 - 4902** 1 credit hour
**JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
**INSTRUCTOR: STEVE MASAKOWSKI (280-5438)**
**EMAIL: smasakow@uno.edu**
**ROOM: PAC 101**
**DAY/TIME: 1:30 - 3:00pm; TUESDAY and THURSDAY**

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To develop performance, improvisation, section playing, and reading skills in a small ensemble environment.

OVERVIEW: We will rehearse several arrangements for public performances during the course of the semester. Students are encouraged to bring their own original arrangements and creations as well. Performance dates will be announced well in advance so as to avoid scheduling conflicts. From time to time the meetings will function as a master-classes providing an opportunity to discuss a variety of music topics.

REQUIREMENTS: Your instrument and a small amplifier (guitarists only) It is the student's responsibility to learn the music in his/her assigned book in a timely fashion. Any playing difficulties, which cannot be addressed during class-time, should be taken up at one's private studio lesson. Since attendance is crucial to developing a good ensemble sound **it is essential to attend all rehearsals.** If you have a serious conflict with a scheduled rehearsal, you must notify me in advance and arrange for a suitable substitute. **IF YOU MISS ANY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION, YOU SHOULD EXPECT AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE.**

GRADING: Your grade will be determined primarily from attendance as follows:

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| No absences (rehearsals & performances): | A |
| 1 unexcused absence: | B |
| 2 unexcused absences: | C |
| 3 unexcused absences | D |
| 4 unexcused absences: | F |

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****Statement on Classroom Conduct*
*Please be thoughtful. Turn off all electronic communication devices. You will be asked to give feedback to your classmates on their progress. Respect and*
*constructive criticism is expected. Disrespectful attitudes, actions or any form of sexual harassment are not acceptable.*

*(office hours: posted on my office door but generally one hour before and after class times or anytime via email)*