

Course Description

MUL2380 | Jazz and Popular Music in America | 3.00 credits

A survey of the development of popular and jazz music with an emphasis on musical styles and outstanding artists. Writing intensive course.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the basic terminology associated with popular and jazz music by:

- 1. Defining terms.
- 2. Using accurate musical vocabulary in describing and analyzing music.

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of jazz and popular music styles by:

- 1. Describing selected styles.
- 2. Identifying the style of a musical selection.
- 3. Naming and discussing significant musicians
- 4. associated with styles of jazz and popular music.
- 5. Describing the roles of the instruments in selected jazz and pop ensembles
- 6. Describing designated social, political, or technological events that impacted the development of various styles.

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the essential elements of music as they relate to jazz and popular styles by:

- 1. Defining terms.
- 2. Describing how these elements are utilized and or combined in various jazz and pop styles

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Demonstrate an appreciation for aesthetics and creative activities

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