CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS  
Fall 2006  
MUSC 1390-01 JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Lecture/Lab Hours: 3 LB  
Class Day and Time: MW 4-5:30  
Credits: 1  
Room: FA 107  
Instructor: Bob Kleinschmidt  
Office: FA 202  
Office Hours: Posted on FA 202  
Phone: 268-2246

Course Description: This course is designed to give students experience in playing jazz in a large group setting. Emphasis will be placed on fundamentals of jazz style, listening, and performance in a collaborative environment.

Statement of Prerequisites: The director will make decisions on acceptance into the ensemble and chair placement within the ensemble. Enrollment in MUSC 2060 Jazz Improvisation is highly encouraged.

Specific Objectives: This course will allow students to develop skills in sight-reading, rehearsal techniques, and improvisation within the big band format.

Methodology: Students will participate in three hours of rehearsal per week. Students will also perform in a wide variety of settings including jazz concerts, cultural outreach tours, community performances, and jazz festivals. Students are also required to listen to jazz recordings in the listening lab.

Evaluation Criteria: Students will be evaluated during each class on their preparation for rehearsals as well as their participation in required performances of the ensemble. Since musical ensembles depend heavily on equal participation from all of their members in order to be successful, attendance and rehearsal etiquette will constitute a major portion of the grade. Any unexcused absence will lower the student’s final grade by one letter. Except in emergency situations, absences will be considered excused only by prior consent of the instructor. The concert will serve as a final exam. Students that miss either the dress rehearsal or final performance will receive an “F”. There will be no written final.

Required Texts, Readings, and Materials: All music will be provided by Casper College, and recordings are available for student use in the library.

Last Date to Change to audit status or withdraw with a “W” grade: see current catalog

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.
It is the policy of Casper College to provide appropriate accommodations to any student with a documented disability. If you have a need for accommodation in this course, please make an appointment to see me at your earliest convenience.

**Calendar or schedule indicating course content:** The rehearsals leading up to performances will be tailored toward preparing the literature to be performed. Additional performances may be scheduled; however you will be given 48 hrs to respond with an “irresolvable conflict”. After this time the performance will be required.

**Fall 2006 Schedule:**

Performances are in the process of being scheduled with the goal of providing students maximum exposure to an audience. The following is a tentative schedule based on current expectations, subject to change.

November 11, 2006: Casper College Big Band Dinner Dance  
February 6th AND 7th: Kinser Jazz Festival 11:30 AM, Durham Hall  
April 21st: UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival. Greeley CO.  
Other High School/ Community visits TBA