Course Number and Title: MUSC 2060-01, Jazz Improvisation I

Lecture/Lab Hours: 2LB  Credits: 1

Class Day & Time: Individually Scheduled  Room: FA 202

Instructor: Bob Kleinschmidt  Office: 202
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Course Description: This course is intended to provide the basic skills necessary to apply music theory to an application of improvisation.

Statement of Prerequisites: This course is open to students at all levels of musical development. Concurrent enrollment in Music Theory is recommended.

Specific Objectives:
1. To learn how to apply fundamental principals of music theory to create an improvised solo.
2. To gain a working knowledge of the “jazz language” created by noteworthy performers.

Methodology:
1. Students will meet individually with the instructor.
2. Written assignments will be performed by the student to build a foundation of the jazz language. The material will include the major scale, triads and seventh chords, intervals, scale harmonies, blues scales, jazz rhythm, voice leading, blues progressions and cadences. This knowledge will be applied to the creation of an improvised solo based on a standard tune.

Evaluation Criteria:
1. In-class performance demonstrating required skills and knowledge.
2. Written homework assignments.
3. Midterm and Final projects.
4. Regular attendance is required. Unexcused absences will lower the final grade by one letter. Absences will be excused only by prior arrangement with instructor or in the case of emergency.

Required Materials:
2. Staff notebook or loose-leaf staff paper
3. Your instrument--EVERY DAY!
Midterm/Final Projects:
Your midterm will consist of an analysis and performance of a standard jazz tune. The final will include an “improvised” solo. Both projects will be the culmination of coursework to that point.

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:
This course will introduce the material at a rate appropriate with the abilities of the student.