

MINOR IN JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC

The Minor in Jazz/Commercial Music requires at least 20 units. Jazz/Commercial (J/C) Music minors are required to have a department adviser to assist with building meaningful schedules. Students who intend to minor in Jazz/Commercial Music are advised to so declare no later than the fourth term. It ordinarily requires four or more terms to complete the minor. Acceptance to the Jazz/Commercial Music minor requires an audition and interview. Contact the music office for audition information. Jazz/Commercial Music minors must complete minimum 12 units toward the minor at Towson University. This minor requires students to complete a minimum of six units at the upper level (3xx or 4xx), which may be earned in any combination of MUSA J/C applied lessons, MUSA J/C ensembles, or MUSC courses, if included in the table below.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Units
MUSA XXX: Jazz/Commercial Applied Lessons in a single medium		
Select one from the following for all four units:		4
MUSA X01	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C COMPOSITION	
MUSA X40	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C GUITAR	
MUSA X41	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C STRING BASS	
MUSA X42	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C PIANO	
MUSA X43	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C DRUMS	
MUSA X44	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C TRUMPET	
MUSA X45	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C SAXOPHONE	
MUSA X46	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C TROMBONE	
MUSA X47	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C ELECTRIC BASS	
MUSA X48	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C VOICE	
MUSA X49	APPLIED LESSONS: J/C MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENTS	
MUSA 2XX: Jazz/Commercial Ensembles		
Select from the following:		2
MUSA 276	ENSEMBLE: FREE IMPROVISATION ENSEMBLE	
MUSA 281	ENSEMBLE: JAZZ ORCHESTRA	
MUSA 282	ENSEMBLE: JAZZ/COMMERCIAL COMBO	
MUSA 283	ENSEMBLE: JAZZ/COMMERCIAL GUITAR ENSEMBLE	
MUSA 284	ENSEMBLE: JAZZ/COMMERCIAL VOCAL ENSEMBLE	
MUSA 285	ENSEMBLE: LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE	
MUSA 286	ENSEMBLE: POPULAR MUSIC ENSEMBLE	
Foundations Courses		
MUSC 222	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: HARMONY	1
MUSC 223	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: RHYTHM	1
MUSC 224	FOUNDATIONS OF JAZZ/COMMERCIAL MUSIC: IMPROVISATION	1
Select one of the following courses:		3

MUSC 123	JAZZ HISTORY FOR NON-MAJORS	
MUSC 125	HONORS HISTORY OF JAZZ FOR NON-MAJORS	
MUSC 127	ELEMENTS OF THE HISTORY OF ROCK MUSIC	
MUSC 201	MUSIC IN THE UNITED STATES	
MUSC 204	HIP-HOP MUSIC AND CULTURE	
MUSC 320	JAZZ/COMMERCIAL THEORY AND IMPROVISATION I ¹	
MUSC 425	JAZZ REPERTOIRE ¹	
MUSC 426	JAZZ HISTORY ¹	
MUSC 427	JAZZ/COMMERCIAL ARRANGING I ¹	
MUSA or MUSC electives: Choice of academic and/or applied opportunities ²		8
Total Units		20

¹ Students enrolled in the J/C Music Minor will be exempt from the prerequisites for these courses, should they elect to take these classes.

² Students may take any J/C applied lesson or J/C ensemble as elective credit. Students are required to complete the J/C Upper-Division Jury in order to be eligible for 300/400-level MUSA lessons. Additional MUSC courses may be chosen from the list above.