

# Jazz Studies

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<p>About the Program Advance Your Jazz Performance</p> <p>Through CSU's Schwob School of Music, you can deepen your jazz performance and teaching skills by pursuing either the 12-credit-hour#Jazz Studies Certificate#or the 18-credit-hour#Jazz Studies Minor. These programs are designed for music majors who want to expand their abilities in jazz improvisation, theory, history, and ensemble performance —whether or not you had prior jazz experience.</p> <p><a href="#">Apply Now</a></p> <p><a href="#">Request Info</a></p> <p><b>Customize Your Degree</b></p> <p>Jazz Studies (Certificate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students already accepted into a CSU music degree program.</li> <li>• No prior jazz experience required.</li> <li>• No audition or interview required for admission into the certificate program.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">View Program of Study</a></p> <p>Jazz Studies (Minor)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to students already accepted into a CSU music degree program.</li> <li>• Requires an audition and a successful interview with the Director of Jazz Studies.</li> <li>• Students must be in good academic standing within the Schwob School of Music.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">View Program of Study</a></p>	<p><b>Total Credit Hours:</b> 18 (Minor), 12 (Certificate)</p> <p><b>Delivery Format:</b> On Campus</p> <p><b>Completion Time:</b> 3-4 semesters</p>	<p><a href="#">View the Program of Study</a></p> <p><a href="#">View Admission Requirements</a></p>

Program Highlights Your Academic Experience

## Jazz Studies Certificate

- **Open to All Music Majors#**– No previous jazz performance experience required.
- **Performance-Based Learning#**– Focus on ensemble playing, jazz styles, and improvisation.
- **Introduction to Jazz Pedagogy#**– Learn instructional strategies for jazz education.
- **Flexible Curriculum#**– Can be completed alongside any music degree.

## Jazz Studies Minor

- **Audition + Interview Required#**– Available to accepted music majors after faculty review.
- **Jazz Theory and Improvisation I–IV#**– Sequential skill development across four levels.
- **Jazz History and Context#**– Study historical evolution of jazz through MUSC 3230.
- **Multiple Ensemble Experiences#**– Participate in Jazz Band (3 semesters) and Jazz Workshop (4 semesters).
- **Designed for Serious Jazz Musicians#**– Offers a deeper, long-term commitment to jazz studies.

### What Can You Do With This Degree?

Explore job trends, average salaries, and growing opportunities so you can see how your degree connects to meaningful career pathways and the future of your field.

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Admission Requirements Your Pathway to CSU

## Program-Specific Admission Requirements

This program has specific admission requirements. These requirements are available in our catalog.

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## Institutional Admission Requirements

All applicants must meet our institutional admissions requirements to be accepted into Columbus State University.

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