

MSJ 509 JAZZ COMPOSITION I SYLLABUS

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Books: **Modal Jazz Composition & Harmony Vol. I** by Ron Miller
The Creative Process by Ron Miller

Class 1

1. Introduction — goals, procedures, how to use book, class protocol, grades, etc.
2. Jazz Composer's Regimen, *kinds* of jazz compositions
3. Chap 1, **Jazz Harmonic Systems**
4. Listening to recorded examples

Class 2

1. Review, questions
2. Chap 2, **Construction of the Modes**
3. Introduction to chap. 3
4. Asn. 1 p 18 due: _____
5. Read p 126 –130

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Class 3

1. Review, questions
2. continuation of Chap 3
3. Asn. 2 p 25 due: _____

Class 4

1. Review, questions
2. Chap 4, **Characteristics of the Modes**
3. Ear Training
5. Read p 136 & 137

Class 5

1. Review, questions
2. Chap 5, **Altered Diatonic no. 1**
3. Ear training (opt)
4. Asn. 3 p 36, due: _____
5. **Test Next Class !!**

Class 6

TEST 1

Class 7

1. Chap 6, **Non-modal Chords**
2. Asn. 4 p 42, due: _____

Class 8

1. Review, questions
2. Chap 7, **Chord Connection**
3. Asn. 5 p 48, due: _____

Class 9

1. Review, questions
 2. Chap 8, Upper Structures
 3. Chap 9, Chord Connection 2, introduction
 4. Asn. 6 p 56 & p 62 – *This is the **SERIOUS** one !*
- due: _____

Class 10

TEST 2

Class 11

1. Review, questions
2. Chap 10, **Form**
3. Chap 11, **Harmonic Contour**
4. Asn. 7 p 64 due: _____

Class 12

1. Review, questions
2. Continuation of Chap 11
3. Musical Examples, analysis, discussion

Class 13

1. Review, questions
2. Musical Examples, analysis, discussion
3. Asn. 8 p 86 due: _____

Class 14 _____ • EAR TEST I •

PRIVATE SESSIONS I

Class 15

1. Chap. 12 – **Modes & Chords of Altered Diatonic no. 2**
2. Slash Chords

Class 16

1. Review, questions
2. Slash Chords/Symmetric Patterns
3. Asn. 9 p 107, part 1 due: _____

Class 17

1. Review, questions
2. Musical Examples, Analysis of Slash Chord Compositions
3. Asn. 10 p 107, parts 2 & 3 due: _____

Class 18

1. Review, questions
2. Chap. 14, **Three Part Upper Structure Chords**
3. Asn 11 p 114 due: _____

Class 19

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PRIVATE SESSIONS II

LAST CLASS

1. **EAR TEST 2**
2. Turn in all late Assignments



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