



COLLEGE OF MUSIC + FINE ARTS

Jazz Studies

Instrumental



So you want to study jazz? We don't think there's anything cooler. Jazz is America's smoothest and most daring contribution to the world's musical lexicon. And we have the oldest program in New Orleans dedicated to the study of its history and performance. Again, that's the oldest jazz program in the city of its birth. Could you go anywhere else? Our students have the opportunity to perform their craft in a city known worldwide for it. A favorite stop for Grammy-winning musicians, Loyola is your first step toward becoming one of the greats.

This is the place.

You certainly came to the right place: There's nowhere better to study jazz than New Orleans—the birthplace of this great American art form. Here, you'll be able to sharpen your skills in a place that's built to foster artistic vision. As you hone your voice at Loyola, learning from the city's authentic character and history will be inescapable. Because Loyola is not just in New Orleans—it's part of it.

Our faculty are some of the finest musicians New Orleans has to offer, which means they are the best in the world. They are extremely active performing at local, national, and international jazz venues. This program features studies in improvisation, composition, arranging, history, theory, and music industry. Students perform in various award winning jazz ensembles and combos. After graduating, many of them become contributors to the musical fabric of the city.

Courses

Our program features courses in improvisation, composition, arranging, history, theory, and the music industry. Additionally, students have the opportunity to perform in jazz ensembles and combos. Here's a sample of what you can expect to learn and do:

Jazz Improvisation

You will have six semesters of jazz improvisation taught by some of the best musicians in New Orleans. This will really hone your skills.

Elements of Jazz

Courses in jazz Piano and Theory, Jazz Arranging, and Jazz History will help you understand the integral elements that make up this great art form.

Private Applied Lessons

You will have the opportunity to study with teachers selected from the many international artists who make New Orleans their home.

Ensembles

Loyola has numerous large ensembles and small ensembles for you to experience. In the jazz major you will perform in both big bands and combos. These groups are featured on and off campus and there are many performance opportunities in New Orleans.

Junior and Senior Recital

These are the "Capstone" of your degree program and are your opportunity to demonstrate all that you have learned for your peers, family and friends.