

UW OSHKOSH JAZZ ENSEMBLES

AUDITION INFORMATION - FALL 2020

The UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensembles are open to all students regardless of major. Auditions are held for all positions in the two jazz big bands at the beginning of the fall semester, and are mainly for placement in the sections. All interested students should plan to audition, regardless of your experience. The instrumentation is for a standard jazz big band, including saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass, and drums.

The UWO Jazz Ensemble (directed by Marty Robinson) meets on MTWR, from 3:00 – 4:00 in N 14, with the first rehearsal of the year on **Monday, September 14th**. The UWO Jazz Lab Band (directed by Gordon Lewis) meets on Mon. and Wed., from 3:00 – 4:00 in N 28, with the first rehearsal of the year on **Monday, September 14th**. Please feel free to contact Dr. Marty Robinson at robinsm@uwosh.edu with any questions.

All auditions will take place this fall **ONLINE ONLY** using the Flipgrid platform, which you can use with a computer, tablet, or your smart phone. A required info form will also be online.

Video Audition Directions:

- 1) Visit flipgrid.com/uwojazzauditions2020 or flipgrid.com and enter our code “uwojazzauditions2020”
- 1) Join/sign-up with your uwosh.edu email account through the Microsoft link
- 2) Locate the topic for your instrument - “Record your jazz audition here”
- 3) Click “Record a Response” to begin recording your audition submission, which allows you to record it as many times as you’d like before final submission
- 4) Be sure to state your name and perform all required items in the same video
- 5) The recording cannot be more than 10 minutes in total length.
- 6) Please record your completed audition by **Friday, September 11th, at 4:00 p.m.**

In addition to the online recording, and by Friday, Sept. 11th at 4:00 p.m., please also fill out the online audition survey information form found [HERE](#) or also linked on Flipgrid.

What to Record for your Video Audition:

For Saxes, Trumpets, and Trombones, perform the assigned audition etude(s) from the webpage. For Piano, Guitar, Bass, and Drums – to be considered for placement into the top jazz ensemble, please record all of the assigned audition pieces. If you have less jazz experience, please record 1-2 examples or another piece in a jazz style of your choosing.

In addition, for Drummers, please perform several 8-16 measure demos of various jazz styles and tempos. **Required - medium swing, fast swing, bossa nova, funk/rock.** Optional - all others, such as waltz, samba, salsa, afro-cuban, 5/4 swing, etc.

Optional for all students - perform part of any jazz solo transcription

Optional (and encouraged for all students) - perform any length improvisation along with a jazz backing track. Blues in F and Bb are linked on Flipgrid for you to play along with, but you may use any other songs and from any source. Please only record your improvisation and don’t play the melody of the song for shorter time’s sake.

The entire length of your total video submission cannot exceed 10 minutes, and the only people who will hear your audition are UWO jazz directors, Marty Robinson and Gordon Lewis.