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Announcement of a New Minor in Jazz Studies

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Beginning in the fall of 2013, Illinois Wesleyan University's School of Music will offer a new minor in Jazz Studies.

The program is designed for music majors and non-music majors who would like to acquire a substantial understanding of jazz music, particularly in the areas of arranging, harmony, history, improvisation, performance and theory. However, the requirements for this minor program are not identical for music majors and for non-music majors.

The sequence for minor in Jazz Studies will consist of Jazz Improvisation; Jazz History; Jazz Piano; Jazz Theory, Harmony and Arranging; Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, or Jazz Combos (taken more than once). Students must participate in the Jazz Ensemble, the Jazz Lab Band or a Jazz Combo for at least four semesters and the selected ensemble does not have to be the same one in each of the semesters. The total number of units is five and none of these courses can count toward any of the major degree programs for music. Music majors must also meet the prerequisites for each of the courses.

Additional requirements for non-music majors include Theory I & II and two semesters of Applied Music as well as an entrance audition.

For additional information, contact the School of Music Office at (309) 556-3061.

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