

Ball State University, College of Fine Arts, School of Music

Spring 2026 – Jazz Bass Lessons MUSP 204 39

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Course Description/Objectives: This course consists of weekly individualized lessons in applied music performance on the student's primary instrument. Instruction is tailored to the student's current level of development and professional goals, focusing on technical proficiency, stylistic fluency, repertoire, and musicianship. Through guided practice, performance preparation, and critical listening, students will strengthen their technique, expand their repertoire, and develop the artistry and discipline required of a professional musician.

Grades: Grades will be based on attendance, preparation, and overall progress demonstrated in lessons. Consistent attendance and thorough preparation are required to achieve a satisfactory grade.

Attendance: Students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons. At least 24 hours' notice is required to reschedule a lesson. Unexcused absences or failure to provide adequate notice will negatively affect the final grade.

Required Materials: Students are required to bring their instrument to every lesson. Music and supplemental materials will be provided.

Special Needs: If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment to see me.

Academic Honesty: Please refer to the academic dishonesty policies and procedures outlined in the "Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Academic Ethics Policy" at Ball State University. Plagiarism or violations of copyright policies are a form of academic dishonesty and are treated as an ethics violation. You are expected to research and learn from existing material but also to give credit to its source.

University Statement: We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community are welcome, through valuing the various experiences and worldviews represented at Ball State and among those we serve. We promote a culture of respect and civil discourse. If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, please contact the instructor of record as soon as possible. Ball State's Disability Services Office coordinates services for students with disabilities; documentation of a disability needs to be on file in that office before

any accommodations can be provided. Disability Services can be contacted at 765-285-5293 or dsd@bsu.edu.

Freedom of Expression: In this course, we are committed to fostering a learning environment that values intellectual diversity, encourages free expression, and promotes open inquiry. As members of the Ball State Community, we treat each person in the Ball State community with civility, courtesy, compassion, and dignity and respect and learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions. Please review Ball State University's Statement on Freedom of Expression, the resources on Ball State's Freedom of Expression webpage, and Ball State's Beneficence Pledge