

SE u3a Forum Summer School

Monday 7th – Thursday 10th September 2026



University of Chichester

Jazz Appreciation - Introduction

Maximum 16



Jazz is a genre of music that originated in the African-American and immigrant communities of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Known for its rich rhythms, improvisation, and blending of different musical traditions, jazz has evolved significantly over the decades. This course explores some

elements of jazz, and how events in the wider world influenced the music. *The image above is from Pixabay.*

We will listen to a lot of jazz, discuss what we have heard and the context of individual songs. Participants will be able to request specific pieces of recorded music if time allows.

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- Ragtime to Swing – a whistlestop journey through the early 20th century.
- The Bebop Revolution – jazz musicians demand to be taken seriously.
- Cool or Free? – jazz at a crossroads.
- Jazz in society – how jazz has been used to express both devotion and outrage.
- Jazz in Europe – jazz is embraced by both musicians and audiences.
- Jazz today – listen to some of the newest jazz from the UK and elsewhere.

For further information about the course, please contact the tutor

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