Graduate Certificate in Jazz Composition/Arranging
Department of Music and Dance
University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Description:** A graduate certificate in Jazz Composition prepares post-baccalaureate performers, educators, theorists, historians, composers, and other musicians to compose and arrange in the field of Jazz studies. Non-matriculating students will usually complete a certificate within one academic year (two semesters). Matriculating master’s students will usually distribute the certificate’s required courses (12 credits) over two years of study.

**Prerequisite:** Matriculated and nonmatriculated students must have a baccalaureate degree with a music concentration before beginning coursework. Students must also submit a small portfolio of 1 to 3 pieces to the Jazz Faculty and pass the Jazz Theory Diagnostic Exam to begin the certificate.

**GPA requirement:** Earn a grade of B (3.0) or higher in each course used toward a certificate.

**Course Requirements:**
Four core courses (12 credits):
MUS 659: Composition Lessons (two semesters, 6 credits)
Mus 697G: Jazz Analysis I (3 credits)
MUS 595J: Jazz History (3 credits)