

Applied Voice
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Welcome

The following information will explain the requirements for this course= individual voice instruction. Lessons re taught one-on-one, hence they are individually arranged at mutually acceptable times. The object is simple: to learn how use your voice in the freest, most expressive manner possible. Voice training is a long, arduous process fraught with difficulties. However, amazing progress can be made if we work together to understand the natural physical laws which govern vocalization.

Course Description:

Although we will be spending a good deal of time vocalizing in lessons, the objective is to learn to communicate effectively to others through the singing of literature. It is therefore mandatory that you quickly learn the literature assigned. Your homework will consist of memorizing songs and vocalizing. Most vocalizing will take place during scheduled lessons.

Course Objective:The main objective is to learn how to sing, demonstrating a reasonable command of vocal technique, language and stylistic accuracy, acceptable vocal quality and overall musical intelligence.

Repertoire:

Five songs will be assigned for the semester.

Grading Policy: All of the assigned songs will be required to be memorized. If not memorized the grade will reduce by one letter the week of juries. The student will choose one song to sing for the jury and one chosen by the vocal panel. Each song not memorized by jury time will result in a lowering of one grade each.

Upper-Level: Voice majors may not begin junior-level courses (3000) until passed to upper level. At the conclusion of the 4th semester of study, the student must meet specific requirements in order to proceed to upper-level (see student handbook). For the jury examination, the student must have at least 5 songs memorized in at least three languages. The student must show promise of future success as demonstrated by command of vocal technique, beauty of tone quality, language and stylistic accuracy, musical intelligence, artistry and stage presence.

Attendance: Students are expected to be present for all lessons. In the event of illness or unavoidable delay, please call my office at 940-733-2161 before you scheduled lesson Two unexcused absences will lower the final grade by one letter- four unexcused absences, two letter grades etc. A student with excessive absences may be dropped from the course by the instructor.

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given) is prohibited. Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Dean of Students' Office.

Disruption of Teaching: Disruption or obstruction of teaching research, administration, disciplinary proceeding, or other university activities authorized to be held or conducted on the premises of Midwestern State University is prohibited. Such activity includes classroom behavior that interferes with either the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program.

Instructor Drop: An instructor may drop a student any time during the semester for excessive absences, for consistently failing to meet class assignments, for an indifferent attitude or for disruptive conduct.

Office Hours: If for any reason you need to talk to me out of class, please refer to the available office hours posted on my door.

Social Justice: Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's stated core values and the professor considers the classroom to be a place where students will be treated with respect as human beings, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Moreover, diversity

of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided the students can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students be able to consider the classroom as safe environment.

Special Needs: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Support Services in Room 168 of the Clark Student Center, 940-397-4140.

Privacy Statement: Federal privacy law prohibits the instructor from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases, the professor will not discuss students' academic progress or other matters with their parents. Please do not have them call. Regardless of these important legal considerations, the professors' general policy is to communicate with the students, not their parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

If you need course adaptation or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information that needs sharing, or if you need special accommodations in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.

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Campus Carry Statement:

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th Texas legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2019. Areas excluded from concealed carry are appropriately marked, in accordance with state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the University's webpage at <http://msutexas.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.

COVID-19 Vaccinations and Face Coverings Scientific data shows that being fully vaccinated is the most effective way to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 and has the greatest probability of avoiding serious illness if infected in all age groups. Although MSU Texas is not mandating vaccinations in compliance with Governor Abbott's executive orders, we highly encourage eligible members of our community to get a vaccination. If you have questions or concerns about the vaccine, please contact your primary care physician or health care professional. Given the recent rise in cases, individuals are also strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings when indoors among groups of people, regardless of vaccination status. Although MSU Texas is not currently requiring facial coverings, they have been an effective strategy in slowing the spread.