

## **DICTION II (MUSC1221), Fall 2023**

Tues/Thurs 12:30-1:20pm

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### **Required Text:**

Wall Joan et al., *Diction for Singers*, Division of Celumbra, Redmond WA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2012.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Grading Policies:** Grade will be based on scheduled tests, daily participation and attendance. This class will not use the plus/minus grading system. The following numerical equivalents for grades are used: A=100-90%; B=89-80%; C= 79-70%; D=69-60%; F=59-0%. See absence policy below.

**Absence Policy:** This class is offered in a synchronous fashion. You are encouraged to attend all classes. More than two unexcused absence will result in an automatic drop of one letter from your final grade in class. Each additional unexcused absence will result in successive lowering of the final grade.

**Course Objectives:** This course is designed as a beginning study of the principles of diction as it relates to the training of the singing voice. The International Phonetic Alphabet will be learned as a tool to be applied to the pronunciation of Italian and Latin. The student is expected to apply and integrate what is learned in this class into the singing of Italian and Latin song literature.

### **Weekly Assignments:**

Week 1 — IPA

Week 2 — IPA, Aurally translate IPA into English, Transcribe English into IPA

Week 3 — German, pgs. 130–133

Week 4 — German, pgs. 134–138, 146-158

Week 5 — German, pgs 139-145, 159-174

Week 6 — German, listening examples, practice, German poetry

Week 7 — German poetry, practice, German test

Week 8 — German performance week!

Week 9 — French, introduction, pgs. 180-197

Week 10 — French, special features pgs. 180-197

Week 11 — French, vowels pgs. 198-218

Week 12 — French, pgs. 219–231

Week 13 — French, listening examples, practice, poetry

Week 14 — French poetry, practice

Week 15 — French performance week!

Finals Week — French exam

**GRADING POLICY:** The following will be used for the breakdown of grade points:

Attendance and Participation, 10 points per day (3 absences allowed), 300 Points

15 Weekly assignments, 20 points each — 300 Points

2 Performances (German and French), 50 points each — 100 Points

German Exam — 150 points

French Exam — 150 points

**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Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). 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 proceedings, or other university activities authorized to be held or conducted on the premises of Midwestern State University. 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, or set up an appointment.

**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 a safe environment.

**If you need course adaptations 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.**

**Federal privacy law prohibits me from releasing information about students to certain parties outside of the university without the signed consent of the student. Thus, in almost all cases I will not discuss your academic progress or other matters with your parents. Please do not have them call me. Regardless of these important legal considerations, it is my general policy 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.**

**Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature allows licensed handgun holders to carry concealed handguns on campus, effective August 1, 2016. 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://mwsu.edu/campus-carry/rules-policies>.**

### **Managing Stress**

Students may experience challenging situations that could interfere with learning and interpersonal functioning including stress, anxiety, depression, alcohol and/or other drug use, concern for a friend or family member, loss, sleep difficulties, feeling hopeless, or relationship problems. MSU provides the following resources to students, and you don't have to wait until your situation is a crisis before accessing them:

MSU Counselling Center (940.397.4618)

Vinson Health Center (940.397.4231)

Redwine Student Wellness Center (940.397.4206)

Further, additional resources may be available through MSU to address concerns of difficulty affording adequate food or housing and similar issues. I may be able to connect you to such resources, and anything along those lines that you choose to share with me will remain fully confidential.

In case of an emergency, contact the MSU Police Department (940.397.4239) or dial 911. If you or someone you know faces a sexual assault or domestic violence situation, call the 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (1.800.621.8504) for guidance or information.

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