Midwestern State University
Fain Lamar College of Fine Arts
Music Department
Applied Voice (AMUS 1201, 1202, 2201, 2202, 3201, 3202, 4201, 4202) Spring 2024 Syllabus

Course Description

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Office: C117I
Office Hours: MWF at 11:00 am; TH 1:30; or by appointment

Vocal lessons: One-hour private lesson Lesson time is arranged with the instructor.

Course Goals:

Student will develop a high standard of vocal performance.
Student will learn how to communicate effectively to others through the singing of literature.

Course Objectives:

Student will demonstrate improvement in the following areas:

- Coordinated vocal onset/attack
- Resonance balance
- Registration
- Sostenuto singing
- Breath Management
- Messa di voce
- Diction
- Rules of expressive singing
- Stage deportment

Textbooks:

The instructor will decide the best materials to use for each student throughout the term of study. Each student will be required to purchase music as needed.

Assignments, Grading, and Attendance Policy:

- Students will be assigned 3-5 songs per semester.
- Students are expected to attend their lesson times each week
- If a lesson must be missed, it is the student's responsibility to notify the teacher and accompanist

  before the scheduled lesson time. Missed lessons will be made-up at the discretion of the

  instructor.

- Student will keep and maintain a practice log provided by instructor.

- Student will complete all assignments to the instructor's satisfaction.

The final grade will be determined by the voice jury at the end of the semester. Also, the student will be evaluated throughout the semester in regard to attendance, attitude, translations, and progress towards expressive vocal production. All assigned pieces must be jury ready or grade will be lowered.

Cell Phones:
The use of cell phones (for calls, messaging, or any other use) is not allowed in class at any time and constitutes grounds for dismissal from the class, with an absence designated for that day. Please be sure they are turned off and put away before class begins.

Academic Dishonesty

Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given. If a student in the class appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The Student Creed adopted by the MSU Student Government reinforces the discouragement of plagiarism and other unethical behaviors. The first statement of the creed reads, "As an MSU student, I pledge not to lie, cheat, steal, or help anyone else to do so." Plagiarism is lying, cheating, and stealing.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies
Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy
College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by MSU TEXAS Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy
To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry
Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter
The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department

regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit **MSUReady – Active Shooter**. Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled "*Run. Hide. Fight.*" which may be electronically accessed via the University police department's webpage: *"Run. Hide. Fight."*

Inclement Weather Statement
Key decision-makers will monitor weather projections and communicate with local news agencies and WFISD leadership to make a delay or cancellation decision. Notification occurs through official campus channels and in communication with the local news networks. MSU channels include MSU Alert, MSU Safety app, Postmaster, website headers, MSU Police, and the Office of Marketing and Public Information. The timeline is as follows:

Event	Time	Day	Decision
Inclement weather occurs during regular work/class day	3:30 PM	Day of inclement weather	Cancel classes/events after 5 PM
Overnight inclement weather expected	8 PM	Day before inclement weather	Close campus or delay opening
Delay called the day before but change to closure due to the extent of weather impact	6:15 AM	Day of delay	Close campus
No cancellation or delay decision made the night before	5:30 AM	Day after no decision made the night before	Close campus or delay opening

Grade Appeal Process
Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University **MSU Catalog**

Notice
Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.