



Course Syllabus: Diction II
Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
MUSC 1221
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Course Description

This course is designed to explore the rules of pronunciation of the German and French languages. It will utilize the International Phonetic Alphabet to explore these languages as they apply to singing. Students are expected to apply this knowledge to the reading, reciting, and singing of German and French song repertoire.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required text:
Diction for singers 2nd edition by Joan Wall

Suggested materials:
International Phonetic Alphabet for Singers: A manual for English and foreign language diction by Joan Wall

Phonetic Readings of Songs and Arias by Berton Coffin, Ralph Errolle, Werner Singer, and Pierre Delattre

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

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Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work, not the individual to whom credit is given).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

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Assignments	Percentage
Attendance and Participation	40%
2 Song Projects	20%
3 exams	30%
Final exam	10%

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Less than 60

Song Projects

This course will include 2 song projects: one German and one French. Students may consult their applied voice instructors for repertoire selection. Each project will consist of a prepared phonetic transcription and English translation as well as an in class performance.

Exams

This course will have 4 exams, including the final exam. Each exam will be consist of a written portion and an oral portion.

Final Exam

The final exam will be formatted similarly to the previous 3 exams, consisting of a written portion and an oral reading of both German and French text. An IPA transcription will be provided for the oral portion. The final exam will be worth 10% of the final grade for this course. The final exam is scheduled for Thursday December 12, 2024 at 10:30am.

Make-up Work/Tests

Any assignments missed due to absence may be turned in via email by the original due date. Late assignments may result in a grade deduction if not accompanied by proper documentation of illness or extenuating circumstances. Exams and performances may be made up if the student reports the absence via email before the time of class meeting.

Important Dates

Last day for term schedule changes: August 29,2024

Deadline to file for graduation: September 23,2024

Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" November 25,2024 by 4:00pm

Attendance

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Any absences should be communicated with the instructor in a timely manner. Students are allowed one unexcused absence. Any further unexcused absences may result in a 5% deduction from your final grade.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees, and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. However, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans, and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make an application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Clark Student Center, Room 168, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

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 WATC. 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 prohibit 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 as 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 the 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.”](#)

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.

Course Schedule:

*This schedule is tentative and may change at the instructors discretion.

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1-2 8/27 to 9/5	Introduction to IPA	IPA exam - 9/5
Week 3-5 9/9 to 9/26	German diction	German song transcription due 9/26
Week 6 10/1 to 10/3	German song performances	
Week 7 10/8 to 10/10	German diction review and exam	German diction exam - 10/10
Week 8-10 10/15-10/31	French diction	French song transcription due 10/31
Week 11 11/5-11/7	French song performances	
Week 12 11/12-11/14	French diction review and exam	French diction Exam - 11/14
Week 13-14 11/19-12/5	Final review *Thanksgiving break 11/26-12/1	Final exam - 12/12