

Midwestern State University
Fain Lamar College of Fine Arts
Music Department
Applied Voice (AMUS 1201, 1202, 2201, 2202, 3201, 3202, 4201, 4202)
Spring 2021 Syllabus

Course Description

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Office Hours: MTWHF at 10:00 am 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Plagiarism is (1) the use of source material of other persons (either published or unpublished, including the Internet) without following the accepted techniques of giving credit or (2) the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom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.

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 indifference attitude, or for disruptive conduct.

Standards of Conduct

Federal privacy law prohibits me from releasing information about students to certain parties outside 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 the parents, even when a student has signed a consent form. College students are adults and are expected to behave accordingly.

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 the professor as soon as possible.

Grade Appeal Process

Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University Undergraduate Catalog.

Disability Support Services

Midwestern State University is committed to providing equal access for qualified students with disabilities to all university courses and programs, and by law all students with disabilities are guaranteed a learning environment that provides reasonable accommodation of their disability. This guarantee is provided through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The ADA reads: "No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subject to discrimination by any such entity." The Director of Disability Support Services serves as the ADA Coordinator and may be contacted at (940) 397.4140, TDD (940) 397.4515, or 3410 Taft Blvd., Clark Student Center 168.

College 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.

Campus Carry:

Senate Bill 11 passed by the 84th 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 9/19/2018 state law. For more information regarding campus carry, please refer to the

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.

Social Justice:

Social justice is one of Midwestern State University's stated core values, and the professor considers the classroom a place where students are 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. The professor's expectation is that all students consider the classroom a safe environment.

Singer's Health:

Please take care of yourself. Each singer in Midwestern Singers is an important contributor to our Choir! Being a member of this ensemble is a responsibility that you have accepted, which means you must take care of yourself by drinking plenty of water, getting enough sleep (and rest), brushing your teeth, doing your homework early (for all of your classes) so you don't have to cram it in at the last moment! If you are slightly under the weather, come to rehearsal to participate as much as you are able; this may mean sitting and listening while marking your music, possibly sitting apart from the other singers as to not pass on your illness. If you are extremely ill, please stay home and get better, you are too important to this ensemble to be ill; particularly if you are running a fever, stay away, do not infect other singers in the ensemble.

A Note on Covid-19

This course will follow all Midwestern State University protocol on Covid-19. If you exhibit any symptoms of Covid-19 — and I mean *any* — please stay home and join the class virtually. Due to the synchronous nature of this course you will not fall behind and, more importantly, you will not expose your colleagues to a potentially dangerous situation. This will be a strange semester, so please do your part in making sure that this classroom is safe for all involved.