

Course Syllabus Fall Semester 2013



Course Name: Voice Class

Course Number: MUS 130-008 Crn: 61630 (1 credit)

Contact Hours: T/R 3:30pm-4:45pm Room PA131

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Office Hours & Location: by appointment

Catalog Description: In a group setting, developing basic singing techniques and preparing students for the stylistic demands of vocal music. Recommended for music majors and anyone with an interest in vocal performance or vocal music education. No prior experience necessary – class is open to all students. (Course may be repeated for up to 4 credits).

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: There are no formal prerequisites for this course. An ability to read music, or prior experience performing music, is helpful but not necessary for the course.

COURSE MATERIALS

Text: The Singing Book – ISBN 978-0393182811

-Bring your textbook and a notebook/writing utensils to every class

-Keep a binder of all class handouts, concert programs/reviews, song lists, and other course materials (This will be turned in for evaluation/grading at the end of the semester – and will be returned to you.)

-You will need computer access to Blackboard for assignments and downloads

-Access to internet will be extremely helpful

-You will need ability to play CDs of songs and accompaniments in personal practice sessions

Course Outcomes:

Voice Class is an introduction to correct vocal technique, which includes breath support, practicing, music reading skills, musical interpretation and vocal health. We will achieve this through preparation and building of the voice with a useful knowledge of song styles and vocal exercises. Create a comfortable atmosphere to build student confidence and performance level.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will apply knowledge of proper vocal technique for singing through practice and performance.
2. Students will demonstrate breath support, reading skills, and proper singing diction through practice and performance.
3. Students will acquire familiarity with several songs in a variety of styles in which the student can create and communicate his/her song interpretation

4. Students' knowledge and consistent practice of a variety of vocal exercises will allow the student to maintain vocal ability, agility, and stamina.
5. Students will demonstrate proper performance and audience etiquette.
6. Students will discuss, with justification the performance of self and others of the group.

General Information

For information on FERPA, Cheating and Plagiarism, Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes and Student Code of Conduct, please refer to the appropriate section of the current Owens Community College Catalog online.

Grading Procedure:

90 % - 100% = A
80% - 89% = B
70% - 79% = C
60% - 69% = D
0 - 60% = F

ASSIGNMENTS:

On the first day of class, we will discuss as a group individual singing goals for the semester. A detailed assignment and exam schedule will follow.

Classroom Policies & Procedures

It is the student's responsibility to turn in all assignments and have all materials needed for class. These include writing utensils, textbook, notebook, etc.

Above all else: This voice class will be a safe space for students to explore and improve their individual singing voices. To create such a space, each student will be expected to act in an encouraging and respectful manner towards his/her classmates.

Attendance at every class is mandatory. Students are expected to come to class ready to participate in discussion and completion of reading assignments and/or homework is required to do so. If you miss a class you are responsible for the material you missed. Any late assignments will be dropped one letter grade per late class period. Attendance is required, however emergencies do arise that are sometimes out of our control. You are allowed one unexcused/emergency absence per semester. Any other absence will result in a reduction of percentage points in the participation/attendance portion of your grade. All work is due on the stated dates in the course syllabus or Black Board, regardless of an absence. You are responsible for all missed work, notes, and information given on the day of an absence.

All **cell phones** are to be silenced and put away at the beginning of each class. No phone interruptions will be tolerated unless you have obtained permission from me prior to the start of class. You will be required to clear your desk and work area of all materials prior to any test or quiz – this includes the removal of any phones or electronic devices.

Rude **behavior**, crude language, vulgarity and general insensitivity in the classroom will not be tolerated. Such occurrences will result in your removal from the room for the duration of the class period (or longer) if necessary. You will not be allowed to make up any work (including tests or quizzes) you miss during this time.

If you stop attending the course and do not officially withdraw you will receive an “F” for the class. If you are dropped for non-payment you will not be allowed to return to class until I receive confirmation from the Bursar that you may return. You will be responsible for any missed work during that time.

Plagiarism & dishonest scholarly practice of any sort will not be tolerated. Refer to the college catalog for a complete policy statement. You are well advised to know your rights and to know mine.

Disability Services:

If you have a disability or acquire one, you may be entitled to receive individualized services and/or accommodations intended to assure you an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the program. To receive more information or to apply for services, please contact the Office of Disability Services in Alumni Hall 103 at 567-661-7007 or email disability@owens.edu.

Student Code of Conduct:

All students are expected to follow Owens Community College’s Student Code of Conduct. If you are unfamiliar with the code, it can be found at https://www.owens.edu/student_services/code_conduct.html