MUP 370L-001: English Diction

Meeting Time: TR - 2:00 – 2:50

Location: Music 153

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Course Description

1. 1 Semester credit hour of English diction
2. A study of the phonetic vowel and consonant sounds of English for the singing voice

Course Objectives

As a result of taking this course:

1. Students will be able to transcribe and sing a given English text.
2. Students will be able to write, read, and pronounce the International Phonetic Alphabet as it applies to singing in English
3. Students will gain a better understanding of the English language as it relates to the technical singing voice

Grading

There will be tests weekly and examinations periodically. Test and exams will consist of written transcriptions and readings/performances of songs and arias in English. Semester grades will be calculated as follows:

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E-mail

E-mail is recognized by the University as an official means of communication. Make sure your SFA account is activated. If necessary, see that these accounts are forwarded to a more active account (hotmail, gmail, etc.). Call the Student Help Desk for assistance: x4357. The student is responsible for all information sent by the instructor via e-mail!
Attendance

As this course seeks to help the student develop phonetic skill, accumulate knowledge, and apply that knowledge in a musical context, attendance is mandatory and essential. If you miss class more than about three times, it will be difficult to pass the course.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

Academic Integrity

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit. Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/4.1-student-academic-dishonesty.pdf.

If you cheat in this class and I find out, you will receive an F for your semester grade, subject to the provisions of the above cited policy.
Tentative Calendar

January 23  International Phonetic Alphabet review
January 25  IPA test; diction for singing
January 30  Diction for singing
February 1  Silent letters; two kinds of \( r \) and when to use them
February 6  Practice on \( rs \)
February 8  Test on \( rs \); voiced and voiceless consonants
February 13 Voiced and voiceless consonants
February 15 Test on voiced and voiceless consonants
February 20 “Liquid” consonants
February 22 Linking and separating
February 27 “Bedbug”
March 1  Remainder of consonants
March 6  Remainder of consonants
March 8  Exam on consonants
March 13 SPRING BREAK
March 15 SPRING BREAK
March 20 Intro to vowel sounds
March 22 The twelve vowel sounds
March 27 The twelve vowel sounds
March 29 Test on vowel sounds
April 3  Diphthongs
April 5   Diphthongs
April 10  Triphthongs
April 12  Triphthongs
April 17  Test on diphthongs and triphthongs
April 19  “Putting it together”
April 24  Practice
April 26  Practice
May 1    Practice
May 3    Review for final examination
May 8    Final Examination, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.