Course number and title:  MUSI 2161 - Diction for Singers: French

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Class meeting time and place:  section 001 – 2:00-2:50, TR; Music Building, room 275
section 002 – 3:30-4:20, TR; Music Building, room 152

Purpose of course:  The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the information, tools, and skills necessary to sing French vocal repertoire.  Topics covered will include the International Phonetic Alphabet as it applies to French pronunciation, the rules and common practices of French diction, the application of these principles to French songs and arias.  This course is important for anyone who plans to work with singers – performers, studio teachers, public school and university teachers, and conductors.

Student Learning Outcomes:  This course will achieve the following Student Learning Outcomes –

The student will be able to accurately transcribe French song and aria texts into the International Phonetic Alphabet and accurately speak and sing these texts.  The student will be equipped to perform the standard French repertoire securely and artistically.

Textbooks:  Instructor generated materials will be made available in class and online.  Other books, articles, and materials will be referenced and recommended during the semester.

Organization of the course:  Delivery of the course will include lecture, class discussion, outside reading, listening assignments, writing assignments, special assignments, online activities, demonstration teaching, quizzes and tests, and a final examination.
**Grading:** Final grade will be based on quiz grades, special assignment grades, test grades, and final examination grade. The categories will be weighted in calculation of the final grade as follows:

- Quiz grades – 20%
- Test grades – 30%
- Special assignment grades – 20%
- Final examination grade – 30%

**Attendance:** This is a “skills” class. You must attend class meetings in order to pass the course. Quizzes will be unannounced and special assignments will be done in class. If you miss more than about four class meetings, you probably will not pass the course.

**Academic Integrity:** Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated in this class. This includes engaging in plagiarism, copying assignments, receiving help on a test or quiz, and other such activities. If you cheat and I find out, you will receive an F in the course, subject to processes outlined in University Policy 4.1: *Student Academic Dishonesty*. You may read this policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/student_academic_dishonesty.pdf). If you have questions about this topic, please ask me.

**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, 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.

**COVID-19 mask policy:** Masks (cloth face coverings) must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times in this class and appropriate physical distancing must be observed. Students not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be asked to leave the class. All incidents of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing will be reported to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students who are reported for multiple infractions of not wearing a mask and/or not observing appropriate physical distancing may be subject to disciplinary actions.