



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTRAL TEXAS™

MUSI 361

Diction for Singers

M/W, 11:00, TC 705

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Texas A&M University-Central Texas Mission Statement

Texas A&M University-Central Texas is an upper-level university offering junior and senior-level coursework needed to successfully complete baccalaureate degrees and all coursework leading to the completion of graduate degrees. The University is committed to high quality, rigorous, and innovative learning experiences, and prepares students for lifelong learning through excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship.

College of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Education is to provide students in professional education and other human services with a quality education through academic, cultural, and leadership experiences, and to provide leadership through scholarship and service to the extended community and profession. Programs in the College of Education prepare students for challenging, gratifying, and socially significant careers in education, counseling, and psychology. In addition to its teaching function, the program has a strong service commitment to public schools and human service agencies.

Mode of Instruction & Course Access

This course is a hybrid course and uses TAMUCT Blackboard Learn system (<http://tamuct.blackboard.com>) as a supplement to the face-to-face learning opportunities. You will use the Blackboard username and password communicated to you separately to login to this system.

Student-Instructor Interaction

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Course Information

Program Goal

Texas A&M University-Central Texas students, upon completion of certification requirements, will be reflective professional educators who make effective educational decisions that support the creation of dynamic learning environments.

Course Overview and Description: MUSI 361

This class will study the proper pronunciations for lyrics of English, Italian, German, and French musical literature. The student is expected to effectively apply these guidelines in their own speech and singing.

Course Objective

The student will:

Resolve problems with English and foreign language diction.

Develop skills in using the proper stress and inflection in words and phrases.

Demonstrate an understanding of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA).

Apply the learned pronunciation guidelines for English, Italian, German, and French.

Demonstrate the proper use of learned skills through singing and in-class demonstration.

All Level Music Standards

Standard I. The music teacher has a comprehensive visual and aural knowledge of musical perception and performance.

Standard II. The music teacher sings and plays a musical instrument.

Standard III. The music teacher has a comprehensive knowledge of music notation.

Standard VI. The music teacher applies a comprehensive knowledge of music to evaluate musical compositions, performances, and experiences.

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

TBA

Other Required Materials:

Texas Educator Standards

http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/Approved_Educator_Standards/

Course Requirements

Student Learning and Assessment

IPA Transcription Projects

Solo Presentations

Unit Exams and Final Exam

Evaluation & Assessment (Grading Criteria)

Written IPA assignments/homework:40%, verbal pronunciation assignments: 40%, tests: 10%, in class performance:10%

ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETE TO RECEIVE A FINAL GRADE.

(+/- points)

Total:

100 pts

Evaluation Summary:

Grades will be assigned at the end of the semester on the following basis:

A = 90 –100 represents exceptional demonstration of deep, coherent, unified understandings

B = 80 – 89.9 represents proficient overall understanding

C = 70 – 79.9 represents acceptable understanding in most areas of theory and practice

D = 60 – 69.9 represents developing understanding with some critical deficiencies

F = 59.9 < represents unsatisfactory understanding with significant deficiencies remaining

Posting of Grades

Final grades will be posted to Blackboard Learn after completion of course requirements.

Course Outline & Calendar

The professor reserves the right to amend the calendar for the benefit of the students.

Date	Time	Location	Topic	Assignment
<i>Week One</i>	11:00	TC Room 705	Introduction to Diction	
<i>Week Two</i>			Introduction to IPA Vowels	
<i>Week Three</i>			IPA Vowels/ rules for diphthongs	
<i>Week Four</i>			Unique language pronunciation	
<i>Week Five</i>			IPA applies to song repertory, student Performances in class	
<i>Week Six</i>			Intro to consonants	
<i>Week Seven</i>			IPA consonants	
<i>Week Eight</i>			IPA consonants, stresses, syllabification Foreign language, writing IPA	
<i>Week Nine</i>			IPA consonants, stresses, syllabification Foreign language	
<i>Week Ten</i>			IPA consonants, stresses, syllabification Foreign language, writing IPA	
<i>Week Eleven</i>			Elisions, glides, multiple consonants, Compound words, double consonants	
<i>Week Twelve</i>			Elisions, glides, multiple consonants, Compound words, double consonants	
<i>Week Thirteen</i>			Nasals, mute e writing IPA	
<i>Week Fourteen</i>			Student Performances in class	
<i>Week Fifteen</i>			Student Performances in class	
<i>Week Sixteen</i>			Final, using IPA for assigned songs	

University Procedures & Policies

Attendance Policy

Class attendance is imperative and necessary. Students are allowed 3 absences and expected to drop if they are unable to attend. Grade will reflect additional absences: more than three- dropped one letter grade, more than four- dropped two letter grades, etc.

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University-Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student's academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be reported to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action. Honesty and integrity are essential characteristics for teachers. Students are required to act honestly and professionally at all times.

Any Violation of the Academic Integrity Policy will result in failure of the class (student will receive an "F").

Disability Support and Access Services

At Texas A&M University–Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to an education that is barrier-free. The Office of Disability Support and Access is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability enjoy equal access to the University's programs, services and activities. Some aspects of this course or the way the course is taught may present barriers to learning due to a disability. If you feel this is the case, please contact Disability Support and Access at (254) 501-5831 in Warrior Hall, Ste. 212. For more information, please visit their website at www.tamuct/disabilitysupport. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must go to the Records Office and ask for the necessary paperwork. Professors **cannot** drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The record's office will provide a deadline for which the form must be returned, completed and signed. Once you return the signed form to the records office and wait 24 hours, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. Should you still be enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the records office immediately? You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to all TAMUCT students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored include Accounting, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Writing (APA). Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. Visit www.tamuct.edu/AcademicSupport and click "Tutoring Support" for tutor schedules and contact information. If you have questions, need to schedule a tutoring session, or if you are interested in becoming a tutor, contact Academic Support Programs at 254-501-5836 or by emailing c.garza@tamuct.edu.

University Library

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 72,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at TAMUCT are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On-campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available twenty-four hours a day through our online chat service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the TAMUCT main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available.

The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our homepage:

<http://www.tamuct.edu/departments/library/index.php>.

Technology Requirements & Support

Technology Requirements

This course will use the TAMUCT Blackboard Learn learning management system.

Logon to <https://tamuct.blackboard.com> to access the course.

Username: Your MyCT username (xx123 or everything before the "@" in your MyCT e-mail address)

Initial password: Your MyCT password

Check browser and computer compatibility by using the "Test Your Browser" button, found in the "Check Your Browser" module on your Blackboard dashboard, once you have logged in.

Technology Support

For technology issues, students should contact Help Desk Central. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

Web Chat: <http://hdc.tamu.edu>

When calling for support please let your support technician know you are a TAMUCT student.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Technology issues are not an excuse for missing a course requirement – make sure your computer is configured correctly and address issues well in advance of deadlines.

Your Professor...

Course Expectations

The standard of our discipline is APA 6th edition. Unless otherwise specified, all written assignments should be typed and double-spaced, and submitted through Blackboard as Turnitin assignments in the .doc or .docx format. In addition, all written assignments should be edited for correct written convention which includes punctuation, spelling, grammar, word usage, etc. Failure to demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in writing may result in lowering of the final grade. Written assignments with more than 5 grammatical errors will be returned ungraded. Please utilize the university's tutoring center for assistance with written assignments.

Please consult the course calendar for all due dates and check for updates regularly through Blackboard.

Late work will NOT be accepted except under extreme circumstances as approved by the instructor. If approved, late work will be subject to a reduction of 10% of the available points per day before grading.

Cell phones and laptop/notebook/iPads/Tablets, etc. - the use of technology can enhance learning and the educational experiences; however, it can also become a distraction to the learning tasks at hand. During class discussions and whole group activities, please refrain from using any of these tools. Off-task technology usage may result in deduction in professionalism points.

What You Can Expect From Me

- A commitment to help you grow as a professional educator.
- Feedback in the form of graded assignments within 1 week in most cases.
- I check emails regularly and will return them within 24 hours on weekdays, and within 48 hours on weekends.
- I will be prepared for class, so I expect the same from you.
- I will provide grading rubrics for assignments due for this course.
- Respect and professionalism.