

Teri Johnson Voice Studio Syllabus

MUAP 3269/3270 TX A&M- Central TX

Lessons: You will have one hour lesson once a week.

Studio Class: Tuesdays @ 12:30 706 or BST. We will meet for studio class (master class for those enrolled as music majors). You will be assigned a date to sing and will come prepared to work your song/songs in the class.

Required:

- 1. You MUST bring your music (copies and/or music books) PLUS a pencil to every lesson. You will not have a lesson if you do not have your music with you. (Keep copies in a small 3 ring binder that will serve as your required notebook for the semester)**
- 2. Be on time to your lesson. If you are running late- text or call me. (Attendance discussed later in this hand-out)**
- 3. Practice!! This is essential for improvement. There are sign-up sheets outside each practice room. You are required to sign up for 2 hours a day.**
- 4. Recording your lessons is required for majors Use your phone or other digital device.**
- 5. Water. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Have a bottle of water with you in lessons.**
- 6. Accompanist- Music majors MUST have an accompanist play for Mid-term Jury, Recital Performance and Final Jury. They should come to two lessons before each unless otherwise discussed. You MUST pay your accompanist. Plan your budget! No pay- no play!! There will be names/numbers available.**
- 7. Good hygiene and dress for success. You are asked to come to lessons dressed comfortably but professionally. Hair combed/washed, proper footwear, No PJs, shower shoes, short shorts. You are a singer! Look like a singer! You will sing better- I guarantee it!**

Attendance:

Lesson attendance is mandatory unless you are ill or have a reasonable excuse. If you are sick and need to miss a lesson please notify me ASAP. An email, text message or call is acceptable. However I will not accept a message sent through another student or faculty member. You MUST contact me directly. Participation is vital to your progress! You are allowed 1 excused absence. Additional excused or any unexcused absences will affect your final grade. Missing 4 or more lessons may result in being dropped or a failing grade depending on when the lessons are missed. I will make up 1 lesson you miss per semester. If I miss a lesson- I will do my best to make it up as well.

Tardiness:

I will not wait more than 10 minutes for any student unless notified that you are going to be late. I don't expect you to wait longer than 10 minutes for me either. Please wait those 10 minutes however, because I may be delayed by a meeting or rehearsal.

Repertoire:

If your degree plan requires a recital for graduation, the majority of repertoire choices should be focused on fulfilling those requirements. 3 eras of music history in 4 languages. Student's individual abilities and level also will be considered when choosing songs for the semester. You may bring into lessons music that you are preparing for an audition, church solo, talent show, etc. I want you to be fabulous for whatever singing opportunities you may have!!

Practicing:

You should devote approximately 20-30 minutes up to 1.5 hrs. a day in a practice room. Warm up for 5-10 minutes (you should use exercises we have worked on in lessons) and then work your repertoire. Your recorded lessons serve as a guide in the practice room.

Sign-up for at least one hour of practice time in the TC practice rooms.

Juries:

Juries are the Mid-term and Final for individual applied lessons. You will sing at least 2 songs on each. You may sing on the TC Recital class. Repertoire should include songs in preparation for your Solo Recital.

Notebooks: Each MUSIC MAJOR is required to keep a notebook for Applied Voice. This is to be organized and tidy when submitted. Do NOT turn in notebooks with choir music, theory notes, grocery lists, or other useless paraphernalia included in it. This notebook will help organize the information required for your Solo Recital program notes.

In it you will keep-

- 1. Copies of your music unless you are using a music book or anthology.**
- 2. Word-for-word translations of any repertoire in a foreign language. Information on the opera or musical plot, and context from which the song/aria may be excerpted.**
- 3. Biographical paragraph or two about each composer and poet/librettist, if available.**
- 4. Additional musical information about each piece. (Musical analysis, history, plot synopsis- if an operatic or musical theatre selection, etc.)**
- 5. Journal/list of recordings studied of your assigned songs (YouTube, Spotify, Naxos Library- at least one song of your repertoire should be found on Naxos.) Keep a list of what, where, and who. Comment on your impressions of singer's musicality, phrasing, voice quality and other choices. Discuss what you like or dislike.**

Notebook is worth 100 points and contributes to your final grade. Throughout the semester there will be assigned due dates for each of these 5 sections. You will need to bring the assigned section to your lesson. The entire collected notebook will be due at my studio door or submitted electronically via email after you have sung your jury at the end of the semester. Failure to turn it in will affect your grade.

Grading Rubric:

Voice Work and Artistic Goals (25% of grade) lessons, progress, recital, juries

Prepare the required number of pieces decided upon for the semester.

Perform the required number of pieces for recital, studio class, and/or juries.

Work towards vocal and artistic goals set by student and teacher through the semester.

Make vocal progress by understanding and mastering certain vocal concepts necessary for student's improvement

Working to understand and communicate emotion and text interpretation

Commitment to growth in presentation and style appropriate for repertoire.

Attendance and preparation (25% of grade) lessons, daily prep, practice

Attend the required number of weekly lessons and studio classes.

On time to lessons prepared with music, pencil, water, recording device, etc.

Acquired accompanist (when needed for juries and recital)

Shows weekly improvement through practice room time and lesson assessment.

Voice Notebook (15%)

Complete all 5 of the required areas and turn in the day of Final Jury.

Grade Descriptions:

A= Student has excelled in all areas of study. Student arrived for lessons prepared. He or she performed exceptionally well in studio, juries and/or recital, incorporating all elements of vocal study that have been a focus in lessons. Student prepared and presented the appropriate number of songs assigned for the semester. He or she submitted a notebook fulfilling all the requirements at a standard or above standard level. He or she has shown development in artistic ability and sensibility throughout the semester. Attendance is unblemished and participation in preparation through practice time for lessons has been consistent each week. Student kept up with lesson journal and came to lessons with notebook assignments completed. Student came to lessons dressed appropriately and well-groomed.

B= Student was not always prepared. Arrived several times to lessons without music or pencil. Student performance throughout the semester was standard but vocal progress on required songs was lacking due to sub-standard practice time. Notebook was submitted but incomplete or late. Attendance was good but not ideal. Lesson/practice journal and weekly notebook assignments were not always completed. Student came to lessons often looking sloppy and un-groomed.

C= Student was not prepared for lessons. Arrived at lessons without music or pencil multiple times. Student did not perform or prepare up to the standard of the upper level requirements. He or she did not prepare the required number of pieces for juries and/or recital. Notebook was not submitted or was turned in incomplete. Attendance was below average. Weekly assignments were not complete. Consistently came to lessons without good hygiene.

D= Student performed poorly in all areas and did not demonstrate interest or initiative to improve or practice throughout the semester.

F= Student failed to meet any of the requirements for progress, effort or attendance.

Grading breakdown-

50%- lessons, daily prep, progress, practice

20%- Student recital performance (35%- semester of Senior Recital)

15%-mid-term/Final jury

15%-Notebook