

## Syllabus

### **MUSC 1101 DICTION FOR SINGERS**

Hours of credit: 1 credit hour  
Pre-requisites or co-requisites: None  
Classroom location & room #: Rm. 260, Fine Arts Building  
Department, College, University: Music Department, College of the Arts  
Valdosta State University

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Carol Mikkelsen  
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F. 1:00-5:00pm

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Study of pronunciation and phonetics of Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, English, and German as applied to solo and ensemble singing. Two class periods per week.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS, RESOURCES, & MATERIALS:**

Handout material; musical scores in Italian, German, & French; dictionaries, hard copy and on-line

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Students are expected to:

1. demonstrate the ability to indicate in writing, using the International Phonetic Alphabet, the pronunciation of all the languages studied. (DOM Outcomes: #2; NASM Standards: VIII.A., #6., b.2.);
2. demonstrate the ability to verbalize the correct pronunciation of all the languages. (DOM Outcomes: #2; NASM Standards: VIII.A.,#6.,2.);
3. to perform musical compositions in all the languages being studied. (DOM Outcomes: #2; NASM Standards: VIII.A.,#6.,

**EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate through performance:

1. the ability to use the International Phonetic Alphabet in preparation for pronunciation;
2. the ability to correctly verbalize from the written IPA symbols correct pronunciation;

3. the ability to sing vocal literature in all the languages studied.

**ASSIGNMENTS/COURSE COMPONENTS:** Students will attend and make preparation for:

1. twice weekly classes in which there is both written and aural work. A homework assignment is given as preparation for each class.

**ASSESSMENT:**

Students will be assigned grades equally weighed on; class attendance, class participation, completion of homework assignments, and singing examinations.

**ATTENDANCE & TARDINESS POLICIES:**

It is the expectation that students attend all classes except for those excused in advance due to illness or personal/family emergencies. It is the expectation that students will be punctual. This course conforms to the official VSU policy as stated in the VSU Catalogue:

“The University expects that all students shall regularly attend all scheduled class meetings held for instruction or examination....It is recognized that class attendance is essentially a matter between students and their instructors. Instructors must explain their absence policy in the course syllabus. All students are held responsible for knowing the specific attendance requirements as prescribed by their instructors and for the satisfactory make-up work missed by absences. When students are to be absent from class, they should immediately contact the instructor. A student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled classes of a course will be subject to receive a failing grade in the course.”

**ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT:**

Students with disabilities should inform the instructor of the disability and necessary accommodations. To receive classroom accommodations outside the instructor's resources students may/should contact the VSU Access Office: <http://www.valdosta.edu/access/facresources.shtml>

From the VSU Catalog:

“Students requesting classroom accommodations or modifications due to a documented disability must contact the Access Office for Students with Disabilities located in Farber Hall. The phone numbers are 245-2498 (V/VP) and 219-1348 (TTY).”

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:**

Although much of the preparation for Diction is done through individual study and practice, it is imperative that all assignments given by the instructor which include research, in order to gain historical and theoretical knowledge, must be done on one's own. Any breach of academic integrity will be dealt with by lowering of the grade for the particular assignment. Below is the VSU *Academic Integrity Code*:

“Academic integrity is the responsibility of all VSU faculty and students. Faculty members should promote academic integrity by including clear instruction on the components of academic integrity and clearly defining the penalties for cheating and plagiarism in their course syllabi. Students are responsible for knowing and abiding by the Academic Integrity Policy as set forth in the *Student Code of Conduct* and the faculty members' syllabi. All students are expected to do their own work and to uphold a high standard of academic ethics.”

## **CLASSROOM DEMEANOR:**

Students are required to demonstrate good classroom demeanor. There must be no use of electronic devices, such as cell phones, and no disruptive talking with classmates.

## SCHEDULE

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1/7          | Intro. ; International Phonetic Alphabet |
| 1/9          | Italian                                  |
| 1/14         | “  |
| 1/16         | “  |
| 1/21         | MLK Holiday-NO CLASS                     |
| 1/23         | “  |
| 1/28         | “  |
| 1/30         | “  |
| 2/4          | “  |
| 2/6          | “  |
| 2/11         | German                                   |
| 2/13         | “  |
| 2/18         | “  |
| 2/20         | “  |
| 2/25         | “  |
| 2/27         | “  |
| 3/4          | “  |
| 3/6          | “  |
| 3/11         | “  |
| 3/13         | “  |
| Spring break |  |
| 3/25         | French“                                  |
| 3/27         | “  |
| 4/1          | “  |
| 4/3          | “  |
| 4/8          | “  |
| 4/10         | “  |
| 4/15         | “  |
| 4/17         | “  |
| 4/22         | “  |
| 4/24         | “  |
| 4/29         | “  |

