

MUA 155, 255, 355, 455, Sec. 3  
PRIVATE VOICE LESSONS  
Fall 2015  
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The lessons are designed to promote the joy and appreciation of the art of singing.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Private instruction focuses on correct vocal technique, appropriate repertoire, style, language study, dramatic presentation and acceptable stage presence. Lessons will be for one hour or one half hour session each week depending on course number.

#### EQUIPMENT

Bring copies of your repertoire double-sided in a three-ring binder, a pencil, and a recording device.

#### ATTENDANCE

Please be punctual for your lessons. If you need to cancel a lesson for any reason you must notify me at least 24 hours in advance of the lesson. Emergencies will be dealt with on an individual basis. Please do not cancel a lesson just because you are a bit hoarse or tired. There is always work to be done on translations, pronunciation, and interpretation. However, if you have a sore throat, are running a fever, sneezing or coughing you should not have a lesson. Please don't expose other singers or me to colds, flu, etc. If I have to miss a lesson I will make it up at a mutually convenient time.

#### LESSON PREPARATION

Voice majors should practice at least four days a week. These sessions should include vocal technique studies as well as repertoire work. I strongly advocate that students begin to study the repertoire by first learning the text and then the music. In most cases the composer was inspired by the poet's poems.

#### GRADING PROCEDURES

Grading in this class will be determined by lessons met, preparation of the assigned literature and vocal improvement.

#### ATTIRE

Since singers must present themselves with the understanding that they are their own instruments, please dress appropriately for performances and juries. No flip-flops, bare midriffs, mini skirts, or unkept appearances are deemed appropriate.

*"The only time that success comes before work is in the dictionary."*

Quote from a wise person

Have a wonderful fall semester and enjoy the Christmas season.