

Syllabus

Vocal Pedagogy (MUS 360)

Spring 2024

Time: Mon/Wed 1:10-2:00

Place: Room 125, Music Hall

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Course Description: An introduction to Vocal Science and Pedagogy covering the skills and knowledge needed to teach healthy, effective vocal production in both studio and ensemble.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will learn basic anatomy and physiology regarding the singing voice and the fundamentals of respiration, phonation, and resonation.
- Through reading, discussion, observation, and practice teaching, students will begin to develop a personal teaching methodology.
- Students will learn to integrate voice science, pedagogy, and application as singers, teachers, and conductors.

Materials: *Vocal Technique Second Edition: A Guide for Conductors, Teachers, and Singers* by Julia Davids and Stephen LaTour (required text), Teaching Journal

Course Requirements and Grading:

- 30% attendance, assigned reading, participation in class discussions
- 30% mid-term exam, covering part I of text
- 10% 10-minute class presentation covering vocal health, the importance of warming up in practice and rehearsal, and leading vocal exercises for class. Presentation order will be randomly decided by choosing a number.
- 30% final exam, covering part 2 of text

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Public Health

If you are not feeling well, you should stay home and focus on your health. Should you miss class due to illness, it is your responsibility to work with your instructor to arrange for accommodations and to make up coursework, as consistent with the instructor's attendance policy.

You may choose to wear a face mask and/or receive the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters, as well as other vaccines such as influenza, but those options are not required. Thielen Student Health Center will continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations free-of-charge to students. The university will continue to offer free masks and COVID-19 test kits during the fall 2022 semester. Other wellbeing resources for students are available at: <https://www.cyclonehealth.iastate.edu/wellbeing-resources/>

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