FALL 2005 SYLLABUS
Principles of Diction: MUSC 3606-01
Credit: 1 hr.
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Time
Tuesday, Thursday: 9:30a.m.-10:45a.m.

Location
TBA

Text
Pst…Inc., 1990

Objectives
The object of this course is to teach accurate enunciation and pronunciation of the English, Italian, German, and French languages during the singing process. The student will be able to transcribe written English, Italian, German, and French by use of the International Phonetic Alphabet into the sounds of the English, Italian, German, and French language, and to adjust these sounds correctly for the singing process.

Goals
1. Clarity: to learn the proper choice of speech sounds for the English, Italian, German, and French languages.
2. Accuracy: to learn how to sing these sounds accurately.
3. Ease: to gain vocal freedom through clear diction.
4. Uniformity: to learn the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), which indicates exact pronunciation of all languages, regardless of spelling.
5. Expressiveness: through the mastery of the above goals, be able to express oneself as an artist.
6. Efficiency: through the use of the IPA system, enable the singer to learn repertoire quickly for performance.

Grade
The course grade is derived from:
1. English written and singing exams 20%
2. Italian written and singing exams 20%
3. German written and singing exams 20%
4. French written and singing exams 20%
5. Attendance, Class Participation and Quizzes 20%
Procedures and dates for exams and quizzes TBA.
Attendance Policy

This is a laboratory class. There will be daily lectures and in-class singing. Regular attendance is a requirement. After two (2) unexcused absences, the final grade will be lowered one letter. The final grade will be lowered one letter for each unexcused absence thereafter. Students must present a written excuse immediately upon returning to class. Tardiness will also affect your grade. Two (2) tardies count as one (1) unexcused absence. Attendance will be recorded daily. If the student misses an exam and the absence is excused, the instructor will provide an alternate date to take the exam. If the absence is unexcused, the student will receive a zero (0) on that exam. If the student misses a pop quiz, the student will receive a zero (0) regardless of whether or not the absence is excused. Preparation and practice is mandatory for progress.