

**SPRING 2025**  
**VOICE LESSONS - COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**MUAP 1162 -2162**

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**Course Objective**

The purpose of this course is to develop the singer's voice to the individual's highest potential. This will be done through a strong foundation of the vocal and musical basics. Artistic communication through performance is emphasized and will be tailored to the individual student's goals, whether those goals be vocational or recreational.

**Course Content**

The subjects to be covered in voice study and the order in which they will be studied are tailored to each individual student. Students will be assigned vocal exercises and repertoire based on the goals of the lesson.

1. Breathing Exercises and Vocalises
2. Repertoire chosen by the instructor, which may include contemporary, classical, folk styles and, if applicable, the music assigned in choir.

**Texts/Materials:**

The student will be required to have a pencil and notebook as well as any music assigned by the instructor. Access to Blackboard is required. A recording device such as a computer or phone is recommended.

**Recitals:**

Participation in the non-voice major recital at the end of the semester is encouraged, but not required.

**Grading:**

Based on lesson attendance, practice, and lesson preparation, Attendance: 60%  
Practice/ Preparation of assigned music: 30%  
Final Exam: 10% (blackboard reflection assignment)  
A grade will be given after every lesson that will be calculated into this average

**CLASS ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION**

Private lessons are arranged at a time that is suitable for student and instructor. These lessons are 30 minutes long.

If a student needs to miss a lesson, please contact your teacher. Make up lessons will be made for excused absences. As detailed in the college catalog, a student who has missed class or has not logged into Blackboard for 3 calendar weeks, you will be emailed by the instructor to drop the course.

**Withdrawal Policy:**

It is the student's responsibility to withdraw from this course. Otherwise, students will be assigned their earned letter grade at the end of the course. Course averages will be updated each week, and guidance will be provided throughout the term to help students decide whether they need to drop the class or not.

**For more information regarding drops/withdrawals, please visit:**

<https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/apply/schedulechanges.php>

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