

MUSIC 162
VOCAL DICTION/ SPRING 2010

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TEXT: *Diction for Singers*, Joan Wall

OTHER INFORMATION: Syllabus available on website:

<http://www.mc.edu/campus/academics/MUS/FacultySparkman.html>

SUGGESTED SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS:

The Interpretation of French Song; Pierre Bernac
Webster's New World French Dictionary

Utilization of the International Phonetic Alphabet in German and French dictions will be studied. Applications to the standard repertoire in each of these languages will be made.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To learn the symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet and their sounds;
- 2) To develop skill in transcribing the written language of the course;
- 3) To refine the skill of correctly pronouncing these symbols;
- 4) To apply these skills in the singing of these languages.

GRADING POLICIES:

Classwork/homework and pop quizzes: 20%

Numerical grades are not given for homework assignments. A grade is given based on the percentage of completed assignments checked or turned in. These are accepted only at the beginning of class. The homework and pop quiz grade will be averaged for 20% of the semester average.

Tests: 30%

Unit Tests: 50%

GRADING SCALE:

90-100	A
83-89	B
76-82	C
70-75	D
69-BELOW	FAILING

The final date to drop a course passing is March 27. Students cannot withdraw after that date with a W (passing) unless the three criteria are met:

- 1) Extenuating circumstances (clearly outside of the student's control)
- 2) Passing the course at the time of withdrawal
- 3) Does not have excessive absences at the time of withdrawal

The Final Exam is scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010; 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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Assignments

It is the responsibility of the student for an assignment made during an absence. Homework is due the class after it is assigned. It will be checked periodically. Assignments must be completed to receive credit. Any assignment made during an absence is due at the next class meeting. It is the student's responsibility to get the assignment.

Daily quizzes and pop quizzes may not be made up. If a student is absent for a major test or does not take the test for any reason, excused or unexcused, that test will be a zero. A doctor's excuse must be submitted in order to make up a test. Tests may be scheduled during the semester at the instructor's discretion.

A NOTEBOOK containing all worksheets, assignments, daily tests, pop quizzes, and major tests from the unit, may be handed into the instructor on the day of the unit exam for a daily grade of 100. All papers should be dated and placed in a binder in chronological order. A table of contents should be placed at the front of the binder. No other materials from other classes should be in the binder. Assignments should be complete and tests corrected. No credit will be given for incomplete binders. This is not a mandatory assignment.

Class Guidelines

- Bring text, pencil, and paper to class. Use of any writing utensil other than pencil will result in the grade for that assignment being lowered by one letter grade.
- In transcription, the text should be written in ink, a line skipped, then the transcription in pencil. Skip a line and begin again.
- Writing on the board, reading transcriptions, and lecture are the components of the class. Participation, preparation, and success are considered in the factoring of daily grades.
- Only beverages are allowed in class.

Absentee Policy

There are approximately 38 class meeting times. To receive a passing grade, students must attend 75% of classes. In the 2010 spring semester, after 10 absences, the student will receive a failing grade.

Absence policies: **Each** absence over three counts three points against the final average. There is no way a student can assimilate the material with frequent absences. Class attendance is essential. Credit WILL NOT be given for class attendance if the student arrives after 8:10 a.m. by my watch. Three tardies (arriving between 8:00 and 8:10 AM) will result in an absence. Participation in class is essential to the success of the student.

Class will NOT meet on these days:

- January 15, 20 - NY trip
- February 5- Singers at Meridian
- February 19- Voces8 Workshop
- March 5- Singers Spring Tour
- April 8- MMEA/ACDA In-Service Conference
- April 16- State NATS

Academic Integrity

As stated in the 2009-2010: Mississippi College Undergraduate Bulletin: Mississippi College students are expected to be scrupulously honest. Dishonesty, such as cheating or plagiarism, or furnishing false information, including forgery, alteration or misuse of University documents, records or information will be regarded as a serious offense subject to severe penalty, including, but not limited to loss of credit and possible dismissal.