

Secondary Voice Syllabus – FALL 2021

Course Number

MUS-Z110 (non-JSOM student)/MUS-V100 (JSOM student) undergraduate elective

MUS-Z710 (non-JSOM student)/MUS-V700 (JSOM student) graduate elective

Course Meetings

This course consists of **fourteen 50-minute meetings**. Regular lessons are TBA and will be scheduled at a time convenient to you and your instructor.

Instructor

Associate Instructor: Rachel Dunbar

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Studio Location: MU 337

Secondary Voice Coordinator: Geneil Perkins

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Office Hours by appointment only, please e-mail to set up an appointment.

Prerequisite

Students must be able to read music.

Course Description

This course is a series of private voice lessons. The purpose of private voice instruction is primarily to assist you in developing your ability to sing with your own voice, using good technique, to express musical art. You will do this through technical exercises, repertoire study, and dramatic coaching.

Course Objectives and Requirements

Students must learn four new pieces per semester. At least three must be memorized. Vocal literature may be chosen from art song, folk, pop/rock, operatic, and musical theater repertoire. Foreign languages are not required.

The student *must* provide an accompanist for whatever portion of the lesson the instructor deems necessary. Students can obtain the names of available accompanists from the list on Canvas.

Juries

Students must sing a jury each semester for their instructor and their instructor's major teacher. The student will offer two memorized pieces (only one may be heard). Music majors (in areas other

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than voice) are required to give a jury in the spring semester only. Juries will likely need to be submitted by the last two weeks of classes – please plan ahead.

Attendance Policy

PLEASE NOTE: THREE UNEXCUSED ABSENCES RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FAILURE. This is a department policy. If there are extenuating circumstances, the student must discuss them with their instructor as soon as possible, preferably ahead of time.

Your instructor must be notified of cancellations a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the lesson in order to be responsible for making it up. Lessons cancelled by the instructor will be made up at a time mutually convenient to both parties. Makeup lessons are not “extra” lessons. Once a makeup is scheduled, it is treated with the same attendance and lateness policies as a regular lesson.

Tardiness is strongly discouraged, and teachers are not obligated to teach students who arrive to their lessons more than fifteen minutes late. If you are running late please call, text, or email your instructor. Multiple occurrences of tardiness will affect your grade.

An excused absence means that you are ill, you have a school-sponsored absence, or there is an emergency that prevents you from attending your lesson. You must communicate with your instructor a minimum of 24 hours in advance for these occurrences to be considered an excused absence.

Grading Policy

50% Lesson Performance and Attendance

50% Jury Grade

Disability Student Services

Every attempt will be made to accommodate qualified students with disabilities (e.g. mental health, learning, chronic health, physical, hearing, vision neurological, etc.) You must have established your eligibility for support services through the appropriate office that services students with disabilities. Note that services are confidential, may take time to put into place and are not retroactive; Captions and alternate media for print materials may take three or more weeks to get produced. Please contact Disability Services for Students at <http://disabilityservices.indiana.edu> or 812-855-7578 as soon as possible if accommodations are needed. The office is located on the third floor, west tower, of the Wells Library, Room W302. Walk-ins are welcome 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. You can also locate a variety of campus resources for students and visitors that need assistance at: <http://www.iu.edu/~ada/index.shtml>

Problems

If a problem arises, please contact the Secondary Voice coordinator, Geneil Perkins, at secvoice@iu.edu.

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Mask Requirements

In recognition of what all IU community members owe to each other all students, staff, and faculty signed an acknowledgement of their responsibility to follow public health measures as a condition returning to the campus this fall. Included in that commitment were requirements for wearing masks in all IU buildings. This requirement is necessary for us to protect each other from transmission of COVID-19.

- Therefore, if a student is present in class without a mask, the instructor will ask the student to put a mask on immediately or leave the class.
 - If a student comes to class a second time without a mask, the student's final grade will be reduced by one letter (e.g., from an A to a B, for instance), and the instructor will report the student to the Office of Student Conduct of the Division of Student Affairs.
 - If a student refuses to put a mask on after being instructed to do so, the instructor may end the class immediately, and report the student to the Office of Student Conduct. The student will be summarily suspended from the university pursuant to IU's [Summary Suspension Policy](#)
- If Student Conduct receives three cumulative reports from any combination of instructors or staff members that a student is not complying with the requirements of masking and physical distancing, the student [will be summarily suspended](#) from the university for the semester.

Summary Suspension Policy

“A student may be summarily suspended from the university and summarily excluded from university property and programs by the Provost or designee of a university campus. The Provost or designee may act summarily without following the hearing procedures established by this section if the officer is satisfied that the student's continued presence on the campus constitutes a serious threat of harm to the student or to any other person on the campus or to the property of the university or property of other persons on the university campus.”

The Provost has determined that refusal to comply with the public health requirements specified in the Student Responsibility form, including the requirement of wearing a mask in all IU buildings, constitutes “a serious threat of harm to other persons” within the meaning of the summary suspension policy. In addition, the Provost has determined that a person who does not comply with these requirements, as evidenced by three credible violations of the policy reported to the campus from any source, constitutes “a serious threat of harm to other persons” within the meaning of the summary suspension policy.

Student Rights

Any student who believes another person in a class is threatening the safety of the class by not wearing a mask may leave the class without consequence.