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## MUSI 102A.21: Performance Study - Voice

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#### **Performance Study: Voice**

MUSI 102, section 21, 1 or 2 credits University of Montana School of Music Fall 2014

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Office Hours: By appointment

#### **Required Materials:**

• Binder (for music and translations)

Pencil

Recording Device

You are responsible for finding an accompanist for your lessons.

#### **Course Objectives and Goals:**

The objective of this class is to equip you to sing with more skill, beauty, and artistry. You will work to acquire knowledge of basic vocal principles and production.

#### Attendance:

The only way to ensure improvement is consistent attendance and practice throughout the semester. If you are going to miss a lesson, unless there is an emergency or some other extreme circumstance, you must notify me ahead of time. Failure to do so will result in your grade being penalized. "I forgot" is not acceptable. Scheduling other appointments during your lesson is also unacceptable. If you must miss your lesson because of illness or some other unavoidable conflict, it is **your responsibility** to contact me about rescheduling. More than **three** missed lessons (except in extenuating circumstances) will result in a **failing grade** for the semester.

#### **Repertoire and Practice:**

You must also come to each lesson having learned the music I assigned you the week before. It is your job to learn the pitches and rhythms. It is not my job to teach them to you. If you are having difficulties with one of the elements, it is certainly acceptable to come to me for help with them, but I will not spend our lesson time doing those things which are your responsibility; that is not the purpose of our time together. Practicing outside of your lesson is also your responsibility. Part of your practice must include memorization of your pieces. Please do not come to your lesson unprepared.

#### Grading:

Your grade will depend predominantly upon your attendance in lessons and your effort in the practice room. Attending student and faculty voice recitals is not required, but a lot can be

learned from listening to and watching your colleagues and professors. I strongly encourage you to attend as many of those recitals as you are able.

#### **Disabilities**

Students with disabilities may request reasonable modifications by contacting the instructor. The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). "Reasonable" means the University permits no fundamental alterations of academic standards or retroactive modifications. For more information, please consult http://www.umt.edu/disability.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

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