

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

## THE 222 VOICE AND DICTION

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the student to study and training in basic voice production. Included will be instruction in proper breathing techniques, sound production, kinesics, general speech standards, and common voice problems. This course will promote development of naturalness and flexibility in the speaking voice.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Exercise and practice for improving voice and diction.
- 1.2 Understand physiological and cultural factors that lead to improper pronunciation and enunciation of words.
- 1.3 The techniques to free the voice and improve projection, resonance, and articulation.
- 1.4 To have the opportunity to apply techniques for vocal and speech improvement, based on individual need.

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 explain the importance of improving voice and diction behaviors.
- 2.2 describe the physiological factors that govern breath control and sound production.
- 2.3 describe what sound is, how it is produced, and how it travels.
- 2.4 name the physical and psychological characteristics of sound.
- 2.5 explain the interrelationship between sound and speech.
- 2.6 demonstrate exercises for improving breath control and sound production.
- 2.7 produce, in class, voice that is free from attributes that interfere with communication.
- 2.8 speak, in class, with sufficient vocal flexibility and variety to meet the needs of most speaking situations.
- 2.9 demonstrate understanding of the vocal variables of rate, stress, and pitch.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Lectures and discussions
- 3.2 Readings, videos, group exercises
- 3.3 And critiques on presentations by instructor, self, and fellow students
- 3.4 Participation in a live V&D performance

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Class discussions
- 4.2 Presentations
- 4.3 Guided exercises in voice and diction
- 4.4 Daily class participation using learned vocal skills

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grades will be earned by an assortment of learning activities, exams, assignments, and participation

5.2 Please see the schedule and assignment sheet for more information

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.
- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester.  
Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid.  
For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course