

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

MUS 135 VOICE 1A

Credit Hours: 2, 1.2 lec/lab

PREREQUISITE: Instructor permission required

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Voice lessons are designed to serve the transfer music major with an emphasis in voice. Student and instructor meet for a full-hour once per week to work on the beginning skills of singing and to build a basic repertoire of music from generally the Baroque period to present. This course is required of music majors whose concentration is voice.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Prepare the student for transfer to the university.
- 1.2 Teach the basic skills of breathing for singing, good posture, and technical facility.
- 1.3 Teach the etiquette of performing.
- 1.4 Teach the proper pronunciation of English.
- 1.5 Teach the proper pronunciation of and diction for Italian, French, German, and Spanish.
- 1.6 Build a basic repertoire of songs focusing on English, Italian, German, and French, because these are the languages in which the majority of arts songs (*Lieder*) and arias are written.

2. OUTCOMES

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

- 2.1 perform solos in concert and in recital.
- 2.2 memorize 3-4 songs each semester to perform in a number of informal recitals and one formal recital.
- 2.3 demonstrate songs, scales, or other materials as directed by the instructor for the final exam (jury) to be heard in front of the music faculty.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Demonstration/Lecture (Lesson)
- 3.2 Working with accompaniment and accompanists
- 3.3 Listening to and, if appropriate, emulating recordings

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Stance, poise, and posture
- 4.2 Breathing and breath control
- 4.3 Diction and enunciation in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish
- 4.4 Concert etiquette

## 5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Grades will be earned by an assortment of learning activities, exams, assignments, and participation.
- 5.2 Please see the instructor's class 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 Students who are not attending as of the 45th day of the course will be withdrawn by the instructor.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