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COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

FRENCH DICTION

MUSI 2161 001

EDGAR SIERRA

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.
NOTE: This is a Face-to-Face course.

Course Description:

Study of phonetic sounds of the French language to promote the ability to sing in French, the principles of which will be applied to required vocal repertoire for transfer music majors.

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

Required for voice majors, but open to all students with consent of instructor.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

1. Pencil and notebook to take notes given by instructor. As well as to write in phonetic alphabet in assigned music.

2. Reading at the college level means the ability to analyze and interpret a variety of printed materials -- books, articles, and documents. A core curriculum should offer students the opportunity to master both general methods of analyzing printed materials and specific methods for analyzing the subject matter of individual disciplines.

3. Students will be asked to write in correct phonetic alphabet on the board as a group activity with the rest of the class.

4. Students will be taught how to properly read and pronounce words in the Italian language. They will also be asked to read phrases in class as part of the group learning.

5. Students will be assigned an art song/aria to translate and write in correct phonetic alphabet.

6. Students are required to opt-in to Brightspace by week one (1) to receive notifications.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name: Edgar Sierra
MCC Email: ersierra@mclennan.edu
Office Phone Number: 254-299-8222
Office Location: BPAC 107
Office/Teacher Conference Hours: By appointment or by list located on bulletin board outside of office

Required Text & Materials:

Title: Course in French Lyric Diction
Author: Williamson
Edition: 1st
Publisher: GIA PUBLICATIONS , INC.
ISBN: 9781622774265

Suggested text to purchase:
The French Song Anthology
Publisher: Hal Leonard
https://www.halleonard.com/product/740162/the-french-song-anthology

Most music scores will either be in the public domain or scanned and emailed directly to the student by the Instructor.
It is recommended that students begin building their own library as their pocketbooks allow. National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) rules require originals for all Student Auditions competitions. Please obtain the appropriate Copyright Permission for the songs you perform for off-campus performances

MCC Bookstore Website: _http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/_

Methods of Teaching and Learning:
One weekly synchronous lecture , research and critical thinking skills (Verbal Quizzes) Students will be asked to read and transcribe text throughout the semester to demonstrate understanding of language and diction.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:
Objective is to give the student the ability to transcribe the French language using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). The student will also learn how to properly pronounce the Italian language an learn rules for pronunciation.

Course Attendance/Participation Guidelines:
If a student is not in attendance in accordance with the policies/guidelines of the class as outlined in the course syllabus as of the course census date, faculty are required to drop students from their class roster prior to certifying the respective class roster. A student's financial aid will be re-evaluated accordingly and the student will only receive funding for those courses attended as of the course census date.

Before the 60% point of the semester, a student who is absent for 25% or more of a face-to-face or blended course or who misses 25% or more of assigned work for an online course will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. A student may also request to be withdrawn with a grade of W before the 60% point of the semester. After the 60% point of the semester, the student

may request to be withdrawn if the student is passing, or be assigned the final grade earned at the end of the semester after grades have been updated to reflect missing work.

Course Outline or Schedule:

*Week 1- Syllabus, Review Points of Articulation, Pages 1-15, **HW Read pg 15***
*Week 2- Pages 15- Pages 27, **HW pg 19 & 25***
*Week 3- Review Vowels, Practice Mixed vowels, Pages 28- 34, **HW Pg 32-34***
*Week 4- Pages 37- 53, **HW pgs 41-43 & 49-51***
Week 5- No class (MFAC award recital)
*Week 6- Test #1 review, Pages 54-65, French song assigned, **HW read pgs 67-73***
*Week 7- **Test #1***
*Week 8- Pages 67-76, **HW pg 80-81***
Week 9- Pages 83-86
Week 10- French song IPA due, Test #2 review, oral exam review
Week 11- No class TEXOMA NATS (University of North Texas, Denton)
Week 12- Oral exam
*Week 13- French rep, opera, **Performance Day***
Week 14- Final review pages 128-129
*Week 15- **Final Friday December 2nd, 10:00 am-12:00 pm***

Course Grading Information:

Class participation-10%
Song performance-10%
Homework-25%
Tests-25%
Final-30%
Total- 100%

Late Work and Make Up Work Policies:
Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:
12 minutes tardy or more= Absence
*Late work will be accepted the following Monday with an automatic reduction of 10 points from assignment. * Exceptions can be made due to illness or emergencies. Please contact instructor prior to assignment due date for assistance**
Students are required to attend a minimum of 75% of lectures to prevent being dropped/or for absences not to negatively impact their progress and grade. Due to class meeting once a week, students are allowed up to three (3) absences before instructor is required to drop (W) on fourth absence. If student has reached their drop limit of six (6), instructor is required to issue an failing (F) grade if students fails to attend 75% of lectures.

Make up work opportunities will be given throughout the semester to allow the student to review previous materials and improve grade.

Extra credit assignments will be offered throughout the semester. These assignments may include but not limited to transcribing additional music and speaking text.

Additionally:
This schedule is subject to change. All deadlines are listed on Brightspace. Students will be notified of changes through Brightspace, text messages, and synchronous class announcements.

Grades are weighted. Please keep track of deadlines on Brightspace, and exercise good time management skills regarding all assessments.
Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:
Students are to maintain respectful classroom etiquette during lectures by interrupting the lecture. Cellphones are to be put away or in silent mode(unless for emergencies which are addressed with instructor prior to lecture.). Use of cell phones during lectures (i.e. texting, snapchat, etc..) will result in lowering of participation grade by instructor. Be respectful of fellow students and instructor during class meetings.
[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)
(https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)
Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:
> disabilities@mclennan.edu 2542998122   Room
> 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the acting Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling, Dr. Claudette Jackson, (Accommodations/Title IX) at (254) 299-8465. MCC employees are mandatory reporters and must report incidents immediately to the Title IX Coordinator. Individuals may also contact the MCC Police Department at (254) 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a

confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/. Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/

Academic Support and Tutoring is here to help students with all their course-related needs. Specializing in one-on-one tutoring, developing study skills, and effectively writing essays. Academic Support and Tutoring can be found in the Library and main floor of the Learning Commons. This service is available to students in person or through Zoom. You can contact the Academic Support and Tutoring team via Zoom or email (ast@mclennan.edu) by going to our website (https://www.mclennan.edu/academic-support-and-tutoring/).

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact either MCC CREW – Campus Resources Education Web by calling (254) 299-8561 or by emailing crew@mclennan.edu or a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Both are located in the Completion Center located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC) which is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff. To schedule an appointment, go to https://mclennan.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07byXd7eB8iTqJg. Both the Completion Center and Paulanne's Pantry are located on the second floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating. The unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) for classwork can be a violation of the College's General Conduct Policy. Whether AI is authorized in a course and the parameters in which AI can be used in a course will be outlined by each instructor.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teachingandlearning/FacultyandStaffCommons/requirements.html for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are

expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails. For more information about your student email account, go to www.mclennan.edu/studentemail.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

You can find help on the McLennan website about connecting your McLennan email account to your mobile device:

- [Email Setup for iPhones and](#) [iPads](#)
- [Email Setup for Androids](#)

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

For more helpful information about technology at MCC, go to [MCC's Tech Support Cheat Sheet](#) or email helpdesk@mclennan.edu.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.