

**APPLIED VOICE**  
**MUAP 1162-001, 2162-001**  
**SPRING 2023**

**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION**

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Office Location</i>	<i>Office Hours</i>
Annie Nichols-Burge Instructor of Fine Arts	Levelland Campus C. DeVitt Fine Arts 144	TBD <i>*I'll update once lesson times are finalized</i>
<i>E-Mail</i>	<i>Phone</i>	
<a href="mailto:anichols@southplainscollege.edu">anichols@southplainscollege.edu</a>	(806)716-2892	

**COURSE CONTENT**

Private Voice Lessons: Through this individualized, introductory course of study, the student will meet once a week with the instructor for a voice lesson to learn proper vocal and physical warm-ups, learn more about proper singing technique, as well as receive assistance in performance skills and etiquette.

**EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Perform a minimum of four to six vocal pieces memorized, dependent on the semester
- Interpret the learned and memorized repertoire with correct technique and style
- Judge and use the proper amount of practice time required to master literature
- Understand the basics of proper singing
- Build the fundamental foundation of long-lasting vocal technique
- Gain confidence and trust in one's musical ability and artistry
- Develop confidence in performance practice
- Develop an understanding of the human condition and human cultures, especially in relation to behaviors, ideas, and values expressed in works of human imagination and thought.

**METHODS OF ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- Performance of 4-6 vocal pieces, memorized, depending on the course level
- Preparation demonstration at weekly voice lessons

**COURSE MATERIALS**

- Binder for sheet music
- Pencil
- Water

**GRADING**

**Grade Scale**

A: 90-100      B: 80-89      C: 70-79      D: 60-69      F: 0-59

**Grading Breakdown**

Learning Outcomes	40%
Attendance	20%
Participation/Preparation	30%
Final In-Class Jury	10%

## **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time in order to be successful. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive.

If you are ill or there is an emergency, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor BEFORE your scheduled lesson time. In order for the lesson to be made up, you must provide proper proof/documentation of the reason for your absence (i.e. a doctor's note, a letter from professors for school activities, etc.). If the absence is unexcused or the student has not displayed proper documentation, the lesson will not be made up.

## **PREPARATION AND PRACTICE**

Students must be prepared for lessons in order to progress in this course. Preparedness for this course not only means bringing your music binder to every lesson, but also **practicing** outside of our weekly lessons.

## **ILLNESS**

***If you are sick, please do not come to your voice lesson.*** I get sick very easily and singing is my job, so I would rather you get better and reschedule a lesson than risk becoming sick myself. If you are sick, e-mail me before your lesson time in order to receive a make-up lesson.

Please read the Covid-19 statement below.

## **END OF SEMESTER RECITAL**

At the end of the semester, voice majors and non-voice majors have the option of taking part in a Voice Studio Recital. Students are not obligated to take part in the Recital, but it is a great way to share a song or two that you have worked on over the semester.

## **JURIES**

A final jury exam will be conducted for all non-voice majors during their last lesson of the semester. No need to stress, juries are just a final assessment of what we have learned throughout the semester. Jury expectations:

- Student selects one piece from semester repertoire to perform from memory
- Instructor selects one piece at random from semester repertoire to perform from memory

## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
  - It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.
  - **CHEATING:** Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all

phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

- **PLAGIARISM:** Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgement, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

### **COVID-19 STATEMENT**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please do not attend class and either seek medical attention or test for COVID-19.

- Cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fever or chills
- Muscles or body aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and smell

Please also notify DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN, Associate Director of Health & Wellness, at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu) or 806-716-2376. Proof of a positive test is required. A home test is sufficient but students must submit a photo of the positive result. The date of test must be written on the test result and an ID included in the photo. If tested elsewhere (clinic, pharmacy, etc.), please submit a copy of the doctor's note or email notification. Results may be emailed to DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN at [dedens@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dedens@southplainscollege.edu).

A student is clear to return to class without further assessment from DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN if they have completed the 5-day isolation period, symptoms have improved, and they are without fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Students must communicate with DeEtte Edens, BSN, RN prior to their return date if still symptomatic at the end of the 5-day isolation.

### **DIVERSITY STATEMENT**

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group difference and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Lubbock Centers (located at the Lubbock Downtown Center) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

South Plains College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Vice President for Student Affairs, South Plains College, 1401 College Avenue, Box 5, Levelland, TX 79336. Phone number 806-716-2360.

### **TITLE IX PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT**

If you are pregnant, or have given birth within six months, Under Title IX you have a right to reasonable accommodations to help continue your education. To [activate](#) accommodations you must submit a Title IX pregnancy accommodations request, along with specific medical documentation, to the Health and Wellness Center. Once approved, notification will be sent to the student and instructors. It is the student's responsibility to work with the instructor to arrange accommodations. Contact the Health and Wellness Center at 806-716-2529 or [email dburleson@southplainscollege.edu](mailto:dburleson@southplainscollege.edu) for assistance.

### **CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY STATEMENT**

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in South Plains College buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and South Plains College policy, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations and Frequently Asked Questions, please refer to the Campus Carry page at: <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/campuscarry.php>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all South Plains College campuses. Report violations to the College Police Department at 806-716-2396 or 9-1-1.

*Note: The syllabus presented above is subject to revision. Any revisions that are made will be emailed to the class roster in a timely manner by the instructor.*