Semester/Year: Summer 2016

Lecture Hours: 0  Lab Hours: 1  Credit Hours: 1

Class Day & Time: Arranged  Room: MU 207

Instructor's Name: Dr. Zach Vreeman

Instructor's Contact Information:
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Office Hours: Arranged

Course Description (catalog): 30- or 60-minute weekly private instruction in the specific instrument for majors and non-majors. Majors attend scheduled studio classes and perform a final jury. A course fee is assessed.

Statement of Prerequisites: Audition

Goal: To improve personal vocal skill through the study of vocal production, literature, and related performance techniques.

Outcomes: The student shall accomplish appropriate experiences in the following categories:
- Posture
- Proper breathing for singing
- Phonation
- Articulation
- Resonance
- Effective practice techniques
- Appropriate vocal repertoire
- Performance techniques and musicianship

Methodology: One half-hour or hour private lesson plus an assigned number of practice hours per week, in addition to related written assignments. Lesson day and time to be arranged.

Evaluation Criteria: Students will be evaluated based on three criteria:
- Lesson Attendance & Preparation: 80%
- Self Evaluation and Other Assignments: 20%

Required Text, Readings, and Materials: The book *The Musician's Way* by Gerald Klickstein will be required for all music majors. Students are responsible for purchasing their own music. I will assign a variety of texts containing literature most appropriate for the individual student. Repertoire will be drawn from standard classic vocal repertoire, and in some cases music theatre repertoire. Languages will include English, Italian, and other languages at the instructor's discretion.
Class Policies

Last Date to Change to Audit Status or to Withdraw with a W Grade: Refer to CC Academic Calendar.

Attendance: Attendance is required at all lessons. The student may have two or fewer excused absences (illness, etc.) which must be arranged in advance with the instructor. The instructor will make up one excused absence per semester. Any subsequent missed lessons or unexcused absences will result in the final grade being lowered by a grade letter for each offence. The attendance policy will be strictly enforced.

Weekly Preparation: Students will be assigned a specific number of practice hours per week, which will vary. Students will also be given specific goals for practicing. A grade will be given for each lesson based on the student’s level of preparation. This grade is completely at the discretion of the instructor. Students must have all assigned semester repertoire learned by mid-term and memorized two weeks before the final performance. Additional memorization deadlines will be added at the instructor’s discretion. Students who are unprepared for lessons may be asked to leave and return when prepared.

Self-Evaluation: The student will keep track of their individual progress using the practice sheets provided by the instructor. These are required to be filled out and will be checked at each lesson.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

Chain of Command: If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Academic Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Academic Dishonesty: (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct.

Official Means of Communication: Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly.

ADA Accommodations Policy: If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.