

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL & WINTER 2022-23

MU1220V (YA2): Second Practical Subject I (Voice) – 3 (0.5-0-0) 15 Hours for 30 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: Private study of voice or a non-principal instrument. This is a two-term course offered over fall/winter terms. It is identifiable in the Schedule of Courses (Timetable) with a Part A and a Part B. Students must register in both the Part A and the Part B of all types of sections offered (sections, labs, seminars, etc.) for this course.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: Royal Conservatory Level 8 Theory, Conservatory Canada Gr.4, or MU1000.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Students will be required to purchase appropriate repertoire throughout the year. Please bring a pencil(s), eraser, water, and studio notebook to all scheduled classes.

DELIVERY MODE(S): Studio Lesson

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course will enable students with the building blocks of vocal technique. It is designed to give students the necessary skills, training, and practical performance experience to develop their voice and abilities. Students will have an opportunity to study repertoire from the Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic/Classical, and Contemporary periods ranging in styles and genres. Students will grow in their knowledge and technique of their instruments, learning how to adjust for different styles when applicable

LEARNING OUTCOMES: Upon completing this course, students will:

- Develop the building blocks of vocal technique including topics like posture, breath support, diction, and resonance
- Develop skills related to basic vowel formation in singing and how to apply this in different languages for singing, and in different styles and genres when applicable
- Develop an individual practice plan that works for their schedule and practice habits, with the help of the instructor
- Development of pronunciation in the main sung languages: Italian, English, French and German
- Develop in their ability to perform music artistically and sensitively and work with an accompanist

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferralberta.ca>.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability**

EVALUATIONS:

Attendance and Lesson Evaluation (including personal practice and development)	70%
April Jury	30%

Students will be evaluated on all lessons, masterclasses and performances to assess their artistic and musical growth. There will be a final assessment (jury) at the end of the school year (date TBA). Developing a personal practice plan is essential to success in this course. It is the students' responsibility to come to lessons prepared and ready to work.

GRADING CRITERIA: (The following criteria may be changed to suite the particular course/instructor)

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	90-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-89		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Will include weekly lessons at a mutually agreeable time, weekly masterclass is optional, and final jury in April (date and time TBA).

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students are responsible for their class attendance as it is mandatory for the development of learning concepts in this course. Please notify the Professor by email if you are unable to attend the class, a doctor's note may be requested. Please review the NWP policies pertaining to academics, absence, and student responsibilities. Students must attend all scheduled lessons and masterclasses.

Studio policy applicable to all students:

1. Come warmed up for all classes. Be sure you have sung earlier in the day.
2. Be on time for all lessons.
3. Hydrate, and do your best to live a healthy lifestyle as this will help your instrument.
4. Learn your notes, words, and rhythms outside of the lesson time.
5. Students will practice 3-4 hours weekly at a minimum.
6. Aim to memorize your music promptly. Ask the instructor for help with this if needed.
7. Students are expected to work with the studio accompanist outside of lesson, performance, jury, and recital times. These sessions will be at the expense of the student.
8. Students will give the instructor (or accompanist if meeting for a rehearsal) as much notice as possible if they are unable to attend a class for any reason.
9. Students may be required to do short listening assignments throughout the semester as assigned by the instructor.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/administration/policies/index.html>

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.