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Welcome

MUSI 3224 is the first of a two-semester sequence of language diction courses for vocal and choral majors. This first semester course will cover an introduction of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), as well as fundamental elements of English and Latin diction for singers.

Course Scope & Objectives

Upon successfully completing this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify the basic symbology and corresponding phonemes of the International Phonetic Alphabet for covered languages.
2. Demonstrate understanding and skill in writing and pronouncing IPA transcriptions of covered languages.
3. Demonstrate understanding and skill in proper diction during sung performances.

Required Course Texts

- *International Phonetic Alphabet for Singers*, Joan Wall
- *Diction for Singers*, 2nd edition, Joan Wall
- *Translations and Annotations of Choral Repertoire Volume 1: Sacred Latin Texts*, Ron Jeffers

Course Activities

1. **Homework.** Written homework will be due according to the class schedule or as announced in class. (Homework = 50% of final grade)
2. **Quizzes.** (30% of final grade)
3. **Tests.** A midterm and final exam will be given to assess written and spoken diction and transcription ability. (Midterm = 10%, Final = 10% of final grade)
4. **Attendance.** Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Homework assignments will be graded in class, and you must be present for your assignment to be graded and accepted. Excused absences are only given in the event of a pre-scheduled, university-sanctioned absence, or with a doctor's note.

A final standard letter scale will be used: A = 90+, B = 80, C = 70, D = 60. Changes to the course schedule or activities may occur based on the learning needs of the class members. Cheating, including plagiarism of any type will result in an automatic F for the course.

Additional Course Information

Diction 1 (MUSI 3224)
Fall 2026
3:00-3:55 MW
Choral Rehearsal Hall

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FAC 1213

Office Hours: MWF 1:30-2:30 pm, or by appointment, or by knocking if available.

Census Date: September 8, 2025

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Assignments are weighted by group:

Group	Weight
Homework	50%
Quizzes	30%
Midterm (English)	10%
Final (Latin)	10%
Total	100%