



# TEXARKANA COLLEGE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Title:** Applied Voice

**Course Prefix & Number:** MUAP 1181, MUAP 1182, MUAP 1281, MUAP 1282  
MUAP 2181, MUAP 2182, MUAP 2281, MUAP 2282

### Instructor Information

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Office appointment available by request

### Course Description

Through the course of the semester, students will become familiar with good vocal technique (including breath, vowel placement and posture) and be exposed to quality repertoire that is appropriate for their voice type and talent level.

### Textbook & Course Materials

**Required Text:** Will be assigned

- **Other Course Materials:** Copies of Music, pencil, Recording Device (smart phone is allowable). Will need internet access outside of class

## Thanksgiving

- **Thanksgiving Break**

Following Thanksgiving break, all classes at the college will be taught through virtual and/or online course delivery (including final exams) for the remainder of the fall semester, November 30-December 14. No face to face classes will be held on campus during this time.

- **Alternate Operations during Campus Closure**

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website ([www.texarkanacollege.edu](http://www.texarkanacollege.edu)) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

- **COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment**

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

- **Protocols for Exposure**

# COVID -19 Protocols for Exposure

At Texarkana College, our mission is to advance our community through attainable higher education and lifelong learning. We cannot fulfill our mission without our most important resource: people. Our top priority is to provide a working and learning environment that is safe and reassuring to those who are the most vulnerable among us. This plan represents a gradual, phased approach to return to work or class on the TC campus as safely as possible.

## I was around someone who tested positive to COVID-19. Now what?

### Some very important questions need to be asked if you were around someone who tested positive for COVID-19...

- Were you within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes?
- Have you provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19?
- Did you have direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, etc.)?
- Did you share eating or drinking utensils?
- Did they sneeze, cough, or somehow get respiratory droplets on you?
- Are you feeling symptomatic?

Remember, the wearing of face masks, frequent hand sanitization, and social distancing has proven to significantly decrease the likelihood of transferring COVID-19.



### If you answered YES to any or all the questions above, it is recommended that you...

- Stay home for 14 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19

### Special note for Healthcare Workers and Emergency Responders

\*In your workplace setting, you may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. You may continue to come to campus **IF** you maintained all protocols required by your employer so long as those protocols include the mandatory wearing of PPE.



**If you answered NO to all the questions on this sheet...**

- Continue with your daily routine, but have a heightened awareness of your health.
- Maintain your distance from others (at least 6 feet).
- Continue with good preventative measures that include:
  - » Cloth face coverings
  - » Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette
  - » Staying home when appropriate

For more information, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

**How does this impact me as a student at TC if I have potentially been exposed?**

- Monitor your health closely for fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
- Notify your instructor if you get tested for COVID-19 and receive a positive test result. Your instructor will notify the Division Dean and Vice President of Instruction. Your confidentiality will be maintained.
- Every class offered at TC has at least some (if not all) capacity for online learning. Your instructor will assist you in converting to a fully online classroom setting so that you may complete your coursework from home.
- Contact the VP of Administrative Services, Phyllis Deese, at [phyllis.deese@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:phyllis.deese@texarkanacollege.edu) or call 903-823-3355 to report that you have tested positive.  
\*The purpose of this is to ensure that Texarkana College can take all precautionary measures to prevent further spread.

**FOR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE,  
VISIT [TEXARKANACOLLEGE.EDU/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus)  
OR EMAIL [HUMAN.RESOURCES@TEXARKANACOLLEGE.EDU](mailto:HUMAN.RESOURCES@TEXARKANACOLLEGE.EDU)**

## Grading

### Grading Scale:

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = Below 60

### **Student Assessment**

Your final grade for this course will be determined by the following method:

- (1) Classwork will be worth 20%
- (2) Evidence of Practice (homework) will be worth 30%
- (3) Recital Performance will be worth 10%
- (4) Your final exam (Jury) will be worth 40%

## Activities/Assignments

You will research, memorize and perform your assigned repertoire.

There will be a minimum of 2 (maximum of 6) songs assigned to the Student for study, memorization and performance. At least one song will be in a foreign language.

Mid-Semester, each Applied Student will be required to perform in a Student Recital.

At the end of the semester, a final exam, or Jury will be performed; showcasing these assigned songs to a faculty panel for a grade.

## Absentee Policy

Attendance is extremely important to success in Applied Voice; indeed any course, and grades always reflect the level of discipline in this regard. **Please contact your instructor about any absences or issues. This class will follow the guidelines outlined in the official TC Absentee Policy. In other words, once you go beyond 2 weeks' worth of absences you will be dropped automatically unless you have submitted a written explanation/plea for mercy and I have approved it. Extensions beyond the 2 weeks'**

**worth will depend upon the student's complete adherence to the agreed upon plan; any infraction will result in an immediate drop.**

### **ABSENTEE POLICY**

Texarkana College's absentee policy allows instructors to withdraw a student from a course due to excessive absences. If a student leaves and returns during class or leaves the class before the class is over, he/she **may** be considered absent. Three tardies constitute one absence. It is the student's responsibility to check the syllabus for each instructor's tardy policy.

In some workforce/vocational areas, such as nursing and cosmetology, certification requirements necessitate an absentee policy that is more stringent than the institutional policy. In these instances, the matter of certification takes precedence over local policies, since certification policies are established by the State of Texas.

Faculty members **are not** obligated to provide opportunities for students to make-up missed assignments and tests as a result of a student's absence from class. The institution is not required to take attendance with the exception of workforce/vocational areas, where certification requirements require taking attendance. However, experience demonstrates that regular attendance enhances academic success. As such, students are expected to attend each meeting of their registered courses.

A student should not stop attending a class without formally withdrawing from the course by the institutions published Last Day for Students to Drop. If a student stops attending class after the published Last Day for Students to Drop, the student **may** receive a grade of "F" in the class. The instructor will submit the last date of attendance for students receiving a grade of "F" or "W". April 17, 2020 is the last day to drop this class during Spring semester with a "W".

Thereafter the student may receive an " "

Students should consult the Financial Aid Office to learn both short and long term consequences of a withdrawal.

Withdrawal from a course(s) **may** affect a student's current or future financial aid eligibility.

### **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A student's absence due to school trips and/or school business will not be counted against a student's allowable number of absences. Military duty and absences for Holy Days (FBD LEGAL) are covered in a separate section of the catalog and the student handbook.

These are the only excused absences that are considered by Texarkana College. Responsibility for work missed for any absence is placed on the student. Instructors are required to allow students to make up work missed if the absence is due to military duty\* or religious holy days when students follow the correct notification procedures. Instructors are not required to allow students to make up work for absences due to other reasons. Make-up policies are listed in each individual instructor's syllabus.

*\*Students interested in Health Occupations should check with the division chair prior to entering the program.*

### **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE ABSENCES**

After official registration, TWO unexcused absences will be the maximum allowable before a student **may** be dropped from the class. Mandated program certification requirements detailed for certain programs regarding the maximum allowable unexcused absences takes precedence.

## Make-up Policy

If the Professor misses/cancels a lesson for any reason except a TC organized event or holiday, the lesson will be made up at a mutually convenient time.

If the Student misses a lesson and provides a written excuse (ie Doctor's Note, note from Funeral Director) the lesson will be made up.

If the Student misses a lesson without a written excuse, it is at the Professor's discretion whether or not the lesson will be made up.

## Academic Dishonesty Policy

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F".

This policy applies campus wide, including TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the TC Catalog/Student Handbook at <https://texarkanacollege.edu>.

## Disability Act Statement

Texarkana College complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Larry Andrews at 903.823.3349, or go by his office located in the Palmer Memorial Library.

If you have an accommodation letter from his office indicating that you have a disability which requires academic accommodations, please present it to me so we can discuss the accommodations that you might need for this class. *It is best to request these changes at the beginning if not before the start of class* so there is ample time to make the accommodations.

## Financial Aid

**Attention!** Dropping this class may affect your funding in a negative way! You could owe money to the college and/or federal government. Please check with the Financial Aid office before making a decision.

## Complaint Process

The complaint process can be found at

<https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2014/11/online-classes-complaint-procedure.pdf>.

## Netiquette

“Netiquette” is the term used to describe rules of courtesy in using electronic communication. These rules are intended to help use the medium effectively and considerately. The ideas below are intended to help with electronic class discussion.

When communicating in an online course you are addressing a group of people. The following guidelines will help you to communicate effectively.

- Don't say things that you wouldn't say in a face-to-face environment, or in any public place.
- Don't share confidential information.
- Use the subject line to identify the content of the message.
- Stay up-to-date on forum postings by reading them regularly.
- Always comply with copyright by citing your references when posting online content.
- Use individual e-mail for messages to individuals rather than tying up the group list.
- Do not forward emails or discussion forum postings without asking permission to from the original author.
- Electronic communication does not provide visual cues, such as smiles or frowns that face-to-face communication allows. Therefore, humor and/or sarcasm in written text might be misunderstood and interpreted as rude or inflammatory in the online environment. Choose your words carefully to avoid hurting, or angering anyone. Should emotions become inflamed, do not promote the anger. Take a cooling down period, perhaps overnight, before you engage in the online activity again.
- Avoid using all capital letters in your text. This is considered 'shouting' in the online classroom.
- Aim for clarity and readability in your text.
- Use proper English and remember to spell check.
- If you do not understand the assignment's directions or the posts of your classmates don't be afraid to ask for clarification.
- The online classroom is a community of learners. Participate actively in the community and reach out to your classmates with a helping hand.



## Technical Assistance

Texarkana College offers students several ways to access technical assistance for IT issues as well as their Moodle classrooms.

### **General IT issues**

Help Desk Link from TC's main webpage: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/helpdesk>

Phone: 903-823-3030

Email: [helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:helpdesk@texarkanacollege.edu)

### **Moodle Issues**

TC Online Web Page: <https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/online>

Vernon Wilder:

Email: [vernon.wilder@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:vernon.wilder@texarkanacollege.edu)

Phone: 903-823-3252

Rusty Hatchett:

Email: [harold.hatchett@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:harold.hatchett@texarkanacollege.edu)

Phone: 903-823-3053

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