

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS

SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS DRAM 316 A/B Foundations in Vocal Practice Fall 2022 / Winter 2023

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Students may want to use a yoga mat for class work.
Learning There is a D2L site for this course which contains required readings and other relevant
Technologies and class resources and materials (see d2L.ucalgary.ca). Requirements
In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary,
students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to
the following technology:
 A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and
malware updates;
A current and updated web browser;
Webcam (built-in or external);
 Microphone and speaker (built-in or external) or headset with microphone;
 Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
Broadband internet connection.
Most current laptops will have a built-in webcam, speaker and microphone.
Prerequisites DRAM 210 - this course is corequisite with DRAM 309/312
Course Foundations in vocal practice and development of the voice for live performance and
description public speaking.

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	We will be exploring how to use the instrument you were born with to safely navigate the rigorous requirements for speaking on stage. Voice work requires concentration, diligence and repetition; the work is cumulative and sets the foundation for a lifetime of freedom in the voice.			
	We will be accessing material on Digital Theatre+ [https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com/login?redirect=%2F] for class discussions, opportunities to observe work from around the globe and to see and experience different forms and methods of acting.			
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Carrier la amaira a	This course may not be repeated for credit.			
Course learning outcomes	By the completion of this course, successful students will be able to: 1. Articulate the basic anatomy and physiology of the voice, as it pertains to the actors' task.			
	2. Execute a full vocal warm up to prepare the voice and body for rehearsal and performance purposes, from both an intellectual and practical understanding of the process.			
	3. Identify habits and tensions that block the free release of breath and sound and which exercises to apply to begin the process of releasing those tensions.			
	4. Develop a daily practice that connects supported voice work to communicating thoughts and ideas to true impulse.			
	5. Marry the technical exercises to the state of being of the character and the truth of the			
	moment.			
Course schedule	Fall 2022			
	Unit 1: Breath into sound			
	- We begin with the anatomy and physiology of the voice, developing a physical			
	awareness of the process needed to create sound for performance			
	- Releasing the tensions around the free connection to breath and sound			
	 Sonnet #1 is the foundation we will use to connect the awareness of breath and the work to this point 			
	Unit 2: Deepening the Connection to the Free Release of Breath and Sound			
	 Opening the channel to greater depth of breath and freeing the channel → the 			
	jaw, tongue and soft palate			
	- Sonnet #2 to test the connection to sound			
	Unit 3: Putting it all together with thought			
	- breath into sound and thought			
	- write your own sonnet			
	Winter 2023			
	Unit 4: Resonance			
	- building through the connection to breath to resonance			
	- King Henry V chorus as connection and common text			
	Unit 5: Resonance into Range			
	- continued development of the vocal mechanism through exercising the range			
	- further choral work			
	Unit 6: Linking to Text and Acting			
	- full vocal connection work → Breath, sound, resonance, articulation			
	Savage Love to connect text to Acting			
Assessment	Fall 2022			
components	Assignment 1: Sonnet #1			
	Value: 10%			
	Due Date: October 21, 2022			
	Type: Presentation			

Description: You are to choose a sonnet between 1-63 to present in class. You are to demonstrate application of all techniques covered in class through an integrated presentation. [further details posted on D2L]

Assignment 2:

History of my Voice paper

Value: 20%

Due Date: November 18, 2022

[Details on D2L]

Assignment 3: Sonnet #2

Value: 10%

Due Date: November 25, 2022

Type: Presentation

Description: You are to choose a sonnet between 65 - 154 to present in class. You are to

demonstrate application of all techniques covered in class through an integrated

presentation. [further details posted on D2L]

Assignment 4 / Fall Final Project: Personal Sonnet

Value: 10%

Due Date: December 2, 2022

Type: memorized presentation of vocal explorations.

Description: This is a semester-long exploration of voice as a means of communicating, expressing, affecting and compelling a response from the listener/receiver. It will require a demonstrable summation of the voice progression as well as a connection to impulse

and truth. [further details posted on D2L]

Winter 2023:

Assignment 5: O for a Muse of Fire

Value: 10%

Due Date: February 17, 2023

Type: Presentation

Description: The student will prepare the 1st Chorus from Shakespeare's *Henry V*, as per the work in class, integrating text analysis with the vocal progression covered in class.

[Further assignment details to be posted on D2L]

Final Presentation: Group Chorus

Value: 10%

Due Date: March 31, 2023

Type: Presentation

Description: In small groups, students will work on one of the chorus pieces from Shakespeare's *Henry V*, to be assigned by the Instructor. The presentation is to focus on physical and vocal storytelling and to demonstrate integration of technique covered in

class. [Further assignment details to be posted on D2L]

Assignment 3: Self-evaluation

Value: 10%

Due Date: April 7, 2023

Type: Written

Description: Students will evaluate their progress in the work with a full reflection on the

progression of the work over the course of the term. They will answer a series of questions, focusing on the technique and their application of the techniques learned, as

well as reflecting on where they are in the process and what they need to focus on. [Further details to be posted on D2L]

Participation:

Value: 10%

Description: Students will be graded on attendance and constructive contribution. [Further details will be posted in the Marking Rubric on D2L]

Growth & Development:

Value: 10 %

Description: Students will be graded on active participation and acquisition of skills.

[Further details will be posted on D2L]

Assessment expectations

Expectations for Attendance and Participation

DRAM 316 Foundations in Vocal Practice is an experiential course and attendance is mandatory. Students must be in the space and prepared to begin at the scheduled start of class. Arriving as the class is beginning is unacceptable. The work is collaborative in nature and respect for everyone in the space is required.

Lateness and absence, without prior notice to the Instructor, will be reflected in the student's Participation grade. Phone calls/text messages regarding absences or lates must be made in advance of the start of class and acceptance of excuse or reasoning is up to the discretion of the Instructor. Lateness and /or absence are not tolerated in the profession and will not be here.

Clothing that allows you to move is required. No clothing that restricts your ability to fully participate is allowed - no jeans, hats, belts, or short skirts.

A water bottle is recommended but no food is allowed in the studio [unless for medical reasons].

No outdoor shoes in the studio. Be prepared to wear indoor shoes.

No cellphone use at any time.

A notebook, pen and pencil are required for each class.

Any concerns or issues must be brought to the Instructor's attention immediately. Do not muddle through, but arrange to speak with the Instructor, through office hours, in person or on Zoom, as soon as possible to seek a resolution to your concerns.

As Acting is the revelation of the human condition, there is potential for close contact and non-invasive touch in the course work. This will be respectful and part of a dialogue, if needed in particular, in scene work. There is potential for the Instructor to offer suggestions for physical adjustments in the work, to aid the student in advancing their personal process and understanding of the work of an actor. If the student has any questions or concerns with this, please bring this to the attention of the Instructor.

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments

Students must submit written assignments via the Dropbox folder on D2L, by the end of the business day on the due date.

Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass

Punctual attendance and preparation; respectful and active participation and support for the work of the ensemble as well as commitment to applying the processes being learned. This is the minimum to pass but students are encouraged to challenge themselves to go beyond the minimum, to discover the full potential in the work.

Expectations regarding grading are as follows:

A student who shows up, does the minimum amount of work and manages to show signs of progress will receive a grade in the neighbourhood of a C.

- o A student who participates actively, is curious about the process and applies the work diligently will receive a grade in the neighbourhood of a B.
- o A student who really takes on the work, challenges themselves and the group to move forward and goes well beyond the minimum of requirements, will receive a grade in the neighbourhood of an A.

Students must maintain a minimum of B- in DRAM 316 to be eligible for participation in mainstage and directing studio performances. All casting must be approved by the Division Lead. Grades falling below B- in courses may result in withdrawal from a production or project.

Guidelines for Formatting Assignments

Expectations for the format of written assignments are outlined in the assignments as posted in D2L.

Late Assignments

The student must speak with the Instructor prior to the due date to discuss options for late assignments. The student is responsible for meeting the agreed upon due date. The Instructor maintains the right to not accept late assignments without prior arrangement having been established between the student and the Instructor.

Expectations for Writing:

Writing skills are important to academic study across all disciplines. Consequently, instructors may use their assessment of writing quality as a factor in the evaluation of student work. Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar E.2 Writing Across the Curriculum policy for details.

Grading scale

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in section F.1.Grading System and Transcripts of the Calendar: https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1.html.

Grade	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
Α	4.00	Excellent performance
A-	3.70	Approaching excellent performance
B+	3.30	Exceeding good performance
В	3.00	Good performance
B-	2.70	Approaching good performance
C+	2.30	Exceeding satisfactory performance
С	2.00	Satisfactory performance
C-	1.70	Approaching satisfactory performance.
*D+	1.30	Marginal pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject
*D	1.00	Minimal Pass. Insufficient preparation for subsequent courses in the same subject.
F	0.00	Failure. Did not meet course requirements.

			Several Faculties utilize an F grade that does not carry weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable.		
	**	0.00	Incomplete. Sufficient work has not been submitted for evaluation, unable to adequately assess. May also be used when a final exam is not submitted.		
	CR		Completed Requirements. Carries no weight in calculating the grade point average. This will be noted in the calendar description as "Not Included in GPA" where applicable		
	 A grade of "C-" or below may not be sufficient for promotion or graduation, see specific faculty regulations. The number of "D" and "D+" grades acceptable for credit is subject to specific undergraduate faculty promotional policy. The following numerical rubric will be applied to arrive at the letter grade: A + 100 - 97 A 96 - 93 A - 92 - 90 B + 89 - 86 B 85 - 83 B - 82 - 80 C + 79 - 76 C 75 - 73 C - 72 - 70 D + 69 - 65 D 64 - 60 F < - 60 				
Academic Accommodation	It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations . Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-				
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Academic integrity, plagiarism	Academic Misconduct refers to student behavior which compromises proper assessment of a student's academic activities and includes: cheating; fabrication; falsification; plagiarism; unauthorized assistance; failure to comply with an instructor's expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses; and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.				
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Internet and electronic communication device	The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. Please refrain from accessing websites and resources that may be distracting to you or for other learners during class time. Students are responsible for being aware of the University's Internet and email use policy, which can be found at https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Electronic-Resources-and-Information-Policy.pdf .				
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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy	Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.
Student Support	Please visit this link for important information on UCalgary's student wellness and safety resources: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines
Arts Students' Centre Program Advising:	Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca . You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
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