

COURSE SYLLABUS

LAST REVIEW	Spring 2021		
COURSE TITLE	Voice and Diction		
COURSE NUMBER	THTR 0222		
DIVISION	Arts, Communications, and Humanities		
DEPARTMENT	ARTS		
CIP CODE	24.0101		
CREDIT HOURS	3.00		
CONTACT HOURS/WEEK	Class: 3.00	Lab: X	Clinical: X
PREREQUISITES	None		

COURSE PLACEMENT Students must meet the correct placement measure for this course. Information may be found at:
<https://www.kckcc.edu/admissions/information/mandatory-evaluation-placement.html>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a course in which students explore, expand, and refine the properties of the human speaking voice, with the assumption that the student is a prospective professional in a field in which control, flexibility, and understanding of the voice are essential skills. Students are instructed in a series of voice and diction exercises and techniques to free the voice and improve projection, resonance, and articulation. The course additionally covers the sounds of the International Phonetic Alphabet employed in American English and standard stage speech.

KANSAS SYSTEMWIDE TRANSFER: THTR0222

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT

This course is part of a program aligned through the Kansas Board of Regents and Technical Education Authority. For more information, please visit:
https://kansasregents.org/workforce_development/program-alignment

General Education Learning Outcome

- ☐ Basic Skills for Communication
- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Humanities
- ☐ Natural and Physical Sciences
- ☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences

Institutional Learning Outcomes

- ☐ Communication
- ☐ Computation and Financial Literacy
- ☐ Critical Reasoning
- ☐ Technology and Information Literacy
- ☐ Community and Civic Responsibility
- ☐ Personal and Interpersonal Skills

TEXTBOOKS

<http://kckccbookstore.com/>

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Physiological Basis of Voice Production
 - A. Speech mechanisms and their biological functions
 - B. Breath control
 - 1. Tone production
 - 2. Vocal projection
 - 3. Exercises for improvement
 - C. Sound production
 - 1. Resonance
 - 2. Pitch
 - 3. Exercises for improvement
- II. Physiological Basis for Articulation and Diction
 - A. Articulated sounds
 - 1. Vowels
 - 2. Diphthongs
 - 3. Consonants
 - B. American English
 - 1. Development of speech patterns
 - 2. International Phonetic Alphabet and its uses

III. Application of Techniques

- A. Vocal variety
- B. Individual specialization
 - 1. Broadcast, public speaking, and daily usage
 - 2. Theatre and dialect applications
 - 3. Individual improvement

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. Identify and evaluate effective use of the voice in self and others through practice.
- B. Incorporate phonetics to facilitate standard speech practices.
- C. Apply vocal dynamics in performance as appropriate for the defined audience.
- D. Demonstrate healthy vocal production from warm-up through performance.

ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES

Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Student Handbook

<https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf>

College Catalog

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

College Policies and Statements

<https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html>

Accessibility and Accommodations

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html>.