

REQUIREMENTS OF VOCAL DEVELOPMENT

MUS 212	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
TECHNIQUE/ TONE QUALITY	Progress toward: Resonance and Placement Lack of breathiness Purity of vowels Inside space Warmth	Continued progress: Resonance and Placement Relaxed Jaw Space and Relaxed throat Warmth	Continued progress: Increased consistency in vowel placement Released laryngeal position, relaxed throat, Proper balance of registration in accordance with style characteristics	Continued progress in all elements plus Focused sound Correct vowel placement
INTONATION	Reasonably accurate within vocal limitations	Improvement	Improved	Consistent
BREATH SUPPORT	Progress toward: Low breath No extraneous movement Raised/expanded rib cage Good body position Quiet inhalation	Improvement	Improved	Consistent
MUSICIANSHIP:				
Tempo	Tempo in keeping with the intent of the composer but not an arbitrary marking at this level; determined according to technical ability of the student.		Increased attention to the markings of the of the composer	
Rhythm	Accuracy is essential at all levels			
Dynamics	Not a crucial element at this level		Increased attention to dynamic contrasts; Ability to display "forte" and "piano"	
Style	Stylistic understanding with lack of "scooping" and "crooning" with clean onsets and releases		Increased understanding of varied styles of art song and arias	
PREPARATION	Crucial at all levels		Increased awareness and development of of performance discipline	
DICTION	Clarity in English and Italian	Clarity in German and French	Consistency in English and Italian with increasing consistency in French and German	
INTERPRETATION	No obvious extraneous movements, pacing, Swaying, etc. Correct body position and energized mind connected to the body. Overall portrayal of the general mood of the piece.		Increased consistency with more attention to delivery of the text and portrayal of the character.	

Upper Division students (having completed the Mid-Career and Assessment and registering for MUS 412) should display Continued development and progress in ALL areas outlined above.