

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Communication and Arts Division)

Discipline Code

MUSI

Course Number

1381

Course Title

Basic Vocal Skills

Catalog Description

Basic Vocal Skills Class is for students interested in learning fundamentals of singing. Students learn the structure and function of the voice through applied study of posture, breath management, flow phonation, jaw and mouth positioning and resonance. Students also explore musicianship, text, and diction as they perform song selections.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

1 credit hour

Contact Hours

15 contact hours

Load Hours

1 load hour

Semesters Offered

Fall and Spring

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Demonstrate improvement in performance skills, particularly in the area of improvisation
- Show proof of successful public performances

- Discuss the structure and styles of the pieces performed during the semester
- Provide evidence through public performances of effective, disciplined teamwork.

General Education Outcomes Supported

N/A

Standard Practices

Topics List

Titles of musical selections vary each year. Other topics will include jazz theory, harmony, and improvisation strategies. Some selections will be carried from fall to spring terms, and some become part of the permanent repertoire of the group.

Learning Activities

N/A

Assessments

Summary critiques of concerts by students and director.

Grading guidelines

N/A

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