

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: MUS 136

Credits: 2

Course Title: Applied Music--Voice

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts):

Teaches singing, proper breath control, diction, and development of tone. Studies the standard vocal repertoire. May be repeated for a total of 3 hours for the major and 4 hours for the minor. Prerequisite: school approval. 1 hour lesson per week, 8 hours practice (laboratory) required.

General Course Purpose:

Required for the AAA degree in Music for students majoring in Voice. May be repeated 3 times, each time at a higher level of performance. This course provides progressive education in vocal technique, sight-reading, and musical interpretation

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

Prerequisite: school approval

Course Objectives: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Use meta-cognitive ways of determining and describing proper vocal production
- b. Use proper vowel production and to use the vowels as center of tone and breath control
- c. Develop proper use of abdominal and chest muscles in tone production
- d. Perform standard repertoire levels one and two; beginning and advanced first year pieces

Major Topics to be Included:

- a. Elements of vocal productions
- b. Vowel formation
- c. Vocalizing
- d. Singing folk and art songs in English, Italian, French, and German, from 17th and 18th centuries

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): 02/17/09