

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY FACULTY OF ARTS**

## SCHOOL OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS - DRAMA Course Number and Title: DRAM 400 Advanced Acting II (Voice)

Session: Fall 2015

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	Thursday 2:00-3:00 p.m., Friday 12:00-1:00 p.m. (or by appointment)		
Day(s),Time(s) and	Craigie Hall D015		
Location of Class	Friday 9:00-11:50 a.m.		
Out of Class	Regular daily practice and rehearsal as required to prepare presentations		
Activities			
Learning Resources:	REQUIRED:		
Required Readings,	The Actor Speaks, Patsy Rodenberg		
Textbooks and	Shakespeare Alive, Papp &Kirkland, Bantam.		
Materials	RECOMMENDED:		
	books authored by Kristin Linklater, Cicely Berry and Patsy Rodenburg		
Prerequisites	<b>Drama 300</b> and consent of the Division Chair, Drama.		
Supplementary Fees	N/A		
Course Description	Further study in the techniques of acting; performance in Drama's season of plays may		
	be required. This Friday portion is in the area of actor training called VOICE		
Course Overview	The student actor will leave the course with a working system and practice of voice		
	for the theatre. The actor will have an understanding of the characteristics, strengths		
	and needs of his or her own vocal being and the ability to adapt and adjust vocally		
	for the stage. Study of verse text will provide the student with the ability to analyze		
	various types of text and perform difficult text with clarity and confidence.		
Course Learning	Many aspects of voice training will be further explored and developed in this class,		
Outcomes	including:		
	1. a sequence of experiences that enables the student to communicate the truth		
	of a moment or situation in a manner which evokes a response from the		
	listener		
	2. the continuing examination of the student's physical and vocal tensions and		
	usage patterns which have contributed to inhibiting the individual's voice		
	3. extended development of skills in how to free the student's own natural voice		
	through a series of exercises and warm-ups which will allow the student to		
	improve through regular practice		
	4. advanced ear training to enable the actor to recognize and identify vocal		
	characteristics of self and others		
	5. application of vocal technique, acting skills and textual analysis to text and in		
Course Schedule:	performance work  Details will be provided on the first day of class		
Assessment	Details will be provided on the first day of class.  The grade for this Voice component is worth one third of the fall semester grade for		
	DRAM 400.		
Components	DIVARITOO.		
	Vocal Exploration and Technique 35%		
	Assessment of development and growth over the course of the term will be based on:		
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- 1. progressive vocal development and growing mastery of skills
- 2. an increasing ability to be open and flexible to new information
- 3. a willingness to take risks and to experiment in the work
- 4. the increasing ability to synthesize the skills and techniques introduced in class into text and performance work
- 5. evidence of growth and personal practice through steady improvement
- 6. application of skills in preparation of assignments

#### Mid-term: poetry presentation October 16

20%

Process work and presentation of three poems, including one Shakespearean sonnet.

#### Final: Shakespearean monologue December 4

25%

Process work and presentation of a Shakespeare speech – approximately 30 lines in length.

Verse analysis tasks (scansion, keywords) will be assigned during the second half of the term, while as part of the work on the Shakespeare speeches.

**Written component:** (Journal, Story of my Voice paper, Reflection paper) **10%** The Story of My Voice written assignment is due **November 20**. Further details will be made available in class and posted on D2L.

Students are expected to keep a weekly journal, chronicling details of daily growth, questions, and responses to work both in class and in personal practice, and other relevant matters.

Journals will be collected **December 4**, the last day of class.

A Reflection paper, 2-3 pages in length, is due prior to the interview at the end of term and should consider: self assessment of progress and growth, identification of areas of future

Participation\* 10%

\*Participation includes: punctual attendance, concentration and focus, commitment to the class and group projects and overall positive contributions to class discussions and activities. Since this course draws on practical group exercises, missed class experiences cannot be duplicated. Without exception, each absence will result in a 5% deduction from the participation grade unless excused by medical certificate or equivalent justification.

If you have any questions concerning your progress in the course, please make an appointment with the instructor.

## Assessment Expectations

#### **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.

#### **Expectations for Attendance and Participation:**

This course will introduce voice and text techniques in studio sessions that will consist of group explorations, group or individual exercises, and/or presentations. Each student will be expected to practice (10 to 20 minutes per day), as well as to prepare exercises and texts (to be memorized).

Dress: Clothes in which you can move freely. A considerable amount of time will be

spent on the floor, in movement/vocal exercises. Sweats or tights, leotards or T-shirts are recommended. As temperature in the studio can vary, wear layers. Most work will be done in bare feet. No jewelry – no hats – long hair should be tied back.

Please be prepared to begin class promptly at 9:00 a.m. by arriving ahead of time.

A personal interview with the instructor will be scheduled near the end of the term, arranged at instructor/student convenience.

#### **Guidelines for Formatting Assignments**

Poetry and Shakespeare presentations are to be memorized. Guidelines for written assignments will be provided during the term, when introduced.

#### **Guidelines for Submitting Assignments**

See list of due dates under Assessment Components. All written assignments are to be submitted as hard copy, with the exception of the Reflection paper which may be submitted on D2L.

#### **Late Assignments**

Whenever possible, and with good reason, missed assignments will be rescheduled and graded without penalty.

#### **Criteria That Must Be Met To Pass**

Passing is dependent upon acquiring a passing grade through satisfactory completion of assignments and growth in technique over the term.

#### **Grading Scale**

For the course as a whole, letter grades should be understood as follows, as outlined in the section F.2 of the Undergraduate Calendar for 2015-2016:

Grade	GPA	Percentage	Description
A+	4.00	95-100	Outstanding.
Α	4.00	90-94	Excellent-superior performance, showing
		comprehensiv	ve understanding of subject matter.
A-	3.70	85-89	
B+	3.30	80-84	
В	3.00	75-79 Goo	od - clearly above average performance with
		knowledge of	subject matter generally complete.
B-	2.70	71-74	
C+	2.30	67-70	
С	2.00	63-66 Sat	isfactory - basic understanding of the subject
		matter.	
C-	1.70	59-62 Rec	ceipt of a grade point average of 1.70 may not
		be sufficient f	for promotion or graduation. (See individual
		undergraduat	te faculty regulations.)
D+	1.30	55-58	
D	1.00	50-54 Mi	nimal pass - marginal performance; generally
		insufficient pr	reparation for subsequent courses in the same
		subject.	
F	0	0-49 Fail -	unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet
		course requir	ements.

# MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULING

Final examinations may be scheduled at any time during the examination period (11-22 December for Fall 2015 term; 16-27 April for Winter 2016 term); students should therefore avoid making prior travel, employment, or other commitments for this period. If a student is unable to write an exam through no fault of his or her own for medical or other valid reasons,

documentation must be provided and an opportunity to write the missed exam may	<b>/</b> be
given. Students are encouraged to review all examination policies and procedures:	
ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final	:II.e.a.a.
DEFERRALS OF It is possible to request a deferral of term work or final examinations for reasons of	
<b>EXAMS/TERM WORK</b> accident, family or domestic affliction, or religious obligations. Please check with you if any of these issues make it impossible for you to sit an exam or finish term work by	
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deadlines. <u>ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams/deferred_final</u>	
ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-6.html	
ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g-7.html	
INTERNET AND  elearn.ucalgary.ca/category/d2l/ ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/emergency-instructions/uc-emergency-app	
COMMUNCATION  The in-class use of computers may be approved by your Instructor. Cell phones and	othor
<b>DEVICE</b> electronic communication devices should be silenced or turned off upon entering the	
classroom. If you violate the Instructor's policy regarding the use of electronic comm	
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devices in the classroom, you may be asked to leave the classroom; repeated abuse	
in a charge of misconduct. No audio or video recording of any kind is allowed in clas	s without
explicit permission of the Instructor.	
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrit honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic integrity.	-
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honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are ref	
the section on plagiarism in the University Calendar ( <u>ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/cur</u>	
2.html) and are reminded that plagiarism Using any source whatsoever without cle	-
documenting it—is an extremely serious academic offence. Consequences include for	
the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the	-
You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas wher	-
appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must	
tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas be	-
includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or vis	
and material taken from such sources. Please consult your instructor or the Student	
Centre (TFDL 3rd Floor) if you have any questions regarding how to document source	
COPYRIGHT It is the responsibility of students and professors to ensure that materials they post	
distribute to others comply with the Copyright Act and the University's Fair Dealing	
for Students. Further copyright information for students is available on the Copyrigh	it Office
web page ( <u>library.ucalgary.ca/copyright</u> ).	
ACADEMIC Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should	
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> Student Accessibility Services (SAS); SAS will process the request and issue letters of	Ī
accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and	
accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a> . Stude	
require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected gro	ound other
than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor.	
The full policy on Student Accommodations is available	
at <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy">http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy</a> 0.	<u>.pdf</u> .
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STUDENT ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html	
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SAFEWALK 220-5333 anytime. <u>ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk</u>	
<b>CAMPUS SECURITY</b> 220-5333. Help phones: located throughout campus, parking lots, and elevators. The	ey connect
directly to Campus Security; in case of emergency, press the red button.	
<b>EMERGENCY</b> Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. <b>The primary</b>	-
<b>EVACUATION</b> point for Craigie Hall is the Professional Faculties Food Court. For more information	n, see the
University of Calgary's Emergency Management website:	
ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints	

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FACULTY OF ARTS	For academic advising, visit the Arts Students' Centre (ASC) for answers about course
PROGRAM ADVISING	registration, graduation checks, and the 'big picture' on programs and majors. Drop in at
AND STUDENT	SS102, email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca or call us at 403-220-3580. You can also visit the
INFORMATION	Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate which has detailed information on
RESOURCES	common academic concerns.
	• For academic success support, such as writing support, peer support, success seminars, and
	learning support, visit the Student Success Centre on the third floor of the Taylor Family
	Digital Library (TFDL), email them at <a href="mailto:success@ucalgary.ca">success@ucalgary.ca</a> or visit their website at
	ucalgary.ca/ssc/ for more information or to book an appointment.
	• For enrolment assistance, including registration (add/drop/swap) changes, paying fees, and
	navigating your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625], by
	email at futurestudents@ucalgary.ca or visit them at the MacKimmie Block 117.
COURSE OUTLINES FOR	It is possible that you will be asked for copies of this outline for credit transfers to other
TRANSFER CREDIT	institutions or for proof of work done. It is the student's responsibility to keep these outlines
	and provide them to employers or other universities when requested. Please ensure that
	outlines of all the courses you take are kept in a safe place for your future reference.
	Departments/Programs do not guarantee that they will provide copies.
LETTER OF PERMISSION	If you wish to study at another institution while registered at the U of C, you must have a
	letter of permission. You can submit your request through your Student Centre at MyUofC.
	Students must have the Letter of Permission before they take the course at another school.
	Failure to prepare may result in no credit awarded and could result in suspension from the
	faculty.
STUDENT UNION	Student Union: su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/
CONTACT	Faculty of Arts reps: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca; arts2@su.ucalgary.ca; arts3@su.ucalgary.ca;
STUDENT	arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
OMBUDSPERSON	Graduate Student's Association: gsa.ucalgary.ca/executive
	Student Ombudsman: <a href="mailto:su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-">su.ucalgary.ca/page/quality-education/academic-services/student-</a>
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ASSOCIATIONS	MUS: Music Undergraduate Society, CHF 219 <u>undmusic@ucalgary.ca</u>