



Theatre Workshop: Opera
DRAM 1162
COURSE SYLLABUS

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Course Description:

Includes all phases of opera with emphasis on techniques, procedures, and practical experience gained by participating in an opera production. For all transfer music majors and minors whose major instrument is voice but open to all students. May be taken four times for credit.

Required Text & Material:

To access updated information on textbooks, please visit <http://www.bkstr.com>.

Course Objectives:

This course will provide fundamental information and experience in costume analysis, history, production, and design for the opera. The laboratory nature of this course is designed to teach the theatre/music student basic sewing skills through mini projects and provide fundamental training in costume production through work on the MCC opera production.

Course Requirements:

1. Students are required to work 3 hours a week for the duration of each production's build. Any missed hours (including missed work calls or strike) must be made up either in advance, or by the following Friday.
2. Work calls may be scheduled in advance when the show gets behind. Time spent at work calls is not included in the 5 hour requirement. Attendance at all work calls is mandatory and, if missed without prior approval, will result in lowering your grade by 10%. If prior approval is obtained, the time must still be made up. See Rule #1 above.
3. Strike is always held immediately following the last performance, usually a Saturday night. Strike is also mandatory and, if missed without prior approval, will result in failure of the course. If prior approval is obtained, the time must still be made up. See Rule #1 above. Additionally, strike is not completed and you are not free to leave until all areas are completed.
4. Your grade in this course is based solely on your regular and punctual attendance, positive attitude, and timely completion of class projects.
5. To sum up: come to class every day, be on time, work hard, and meet deadlines.

MCC Attendance Policy:

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students, and each instructor will maintain a complete record of attendance for the entire length of each course, including online and hybrid courses. Students will be counted absent from class meetings missed, beginning with the first official day of classes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades. In the case of online and hybrid courses, attendance will be determined in terms of participation, as described in the course syllabus.

Absence from 25 percent of scheduled lecture and/or laboratory meetings will be taken as evidence that a student does not intend to complete the course, and the student will be withdrawn from the course with a grade of W. The instructor may reinstate the student if satisfied that the student will resume regular attendance and will complete the course. If the student's 25 percent absences are reached after the official drop date, the instructor may assign a W, if the student is passing and requests to be withdrawn. However, if a student who is not passing reaches the 25 percent point after the official drop date, the student will receive an F. In extenuating circumstances, the instructor may assign a W to a student who is not passing.

Each absence will count toward attendance requirements in each course.

Students will be permitted to make up class work and assignments missed due to absences caused by (1) authorized participation in official College functions, (2) personal illness, (3) an illness or a death in the immediate family, or (4) the observance of a religious holy day. Also, the instructor has the prerogative of determining whether a student may make up work missed due to absences for other reasons. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of the reason for an absence and to do so in a timely fashion.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days

McLennan Community College shall excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities including examinations for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. Students are required to file a written request with each instructor for an excused absence. A student whose absence is excused for this observance may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence. Religious holy day means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under the Texas Tax Code. McLennan Community College may not excuse absences for religious holy days which may interfere with patient care.

Note: Students interested in seeing the class attendance policy in its entirety should check the Highlander Guide or the MCC policy manual.

ADA Statement:

In accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the regulations published by the United States Department of Justice 28 C.F.R. 35.107(a), MCC's designated ADA co-coordinators, Mr. Gene Gooch - Vice President, Finance and Administration and Dr. Santos Martinez – Vice President, Student Services shall be responsible for coordinating the College's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under ADA. Students with disabilities requiring physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact Mr. Marcus Sweatt, Disabilities Specialist, at 299-8122 or msweatt@mclennan.edu.