Syllabus  
MUAG 4070-001, 5070-001

# Course Name: **Opera Lit**

# Fall Semester 2025

# MWF 11:00 – 11:50, room: Musi 290

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# **Overview**

This class is intended for graduate and undergraduate voice students. It is not a history class; but over two semesters it is designed to give students a sense of the span of operatic literature through studying individual works selected from the history of the art form, starting in the early 17th century and ending in the present day. It will explore different styles of and approaches to performance of the works chosen and incorporate students learning and singing excerpts from these.

# **Goals/Course Objectives**

* expand the young singing artist’s historical and performance-based sense of operatic literature
* open deeper interpretative and creative energies
* develop skills and understanding in thematic, dramatic and musical analysis

# **Requirements**

* No tests, only written analytical projects, and singing projects and assignments

## Materials

* None needed in advance of the class
* Must have own computer or laptop

## Milestones

## Each student will learn and perform up to two projects or enacted arias/duets from the repertoire selected over the course of the term

* end of semester: all projects may be presented in final performance

# **Evaluation/Grading Criteria**

Consideration will be given regarding undergraduate or graduate status, with graduate students expected to reflect a more advanced presentation.

* participation, commitment and creative energy with which material is approached
* any written work and special projects assigned
* excellence of final projects performed

**Attendance Expectations**

* more than two unexcused absences will drop grade by one level

**Please see these links for information on the following topics:**

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Link: http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Link: https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

Link: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ODA STATEMENT

Link: disability.unt.edu. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

2017-2018 Semester Academic Schedule (with Add/Drop Dates)

Link: http://catalog.unt.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=1737

Academic Calendar at a Glance, 2017-2018

Link: https://www.unt.edu/catalogs/2017-18/calendar

Final Exam Schedule

Link: http://registrar.unt.edu/exams/final-exam-schedule/fall

FINANCIAL AID AND SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Link: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

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RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Link: http://ferpa.unt.edu/

RESPONDING TO STUDENTS IN DISTRESS: UNT CARE TEAM

Link: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care>

Required Statements

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a "0" for that particular assignment or exam [or specify alternative sanction, such as course failure]. Additionally, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students (Office of Academic Integrity), who may impose further penalty. According to the UNT catalog, the term “cheating" includes, but is not limited to: a. use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; b. dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; c. the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a faculty or staff member of the university; d. dual submission of a paper or project, or resubmission of a paper or project to a different class

without express permission from the instructor(s); or e. any other act designed to give a student an unfair advantage. The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to: a. the knowing or negligent use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment; and b. the knowing or negligent unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials. See: Academic Integrity LINK: https://policy.unt.edu/policy/06-003

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Student behavior that interferes with an instructor’s ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. See: Student Code of Conduct Link: https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct

ACCESS TO INFORMATION – EAGLE CONNECT

Your access point for business and academic services at UNT occurs at my.unt.edu. All official communication from the university will be delivered to your Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect. See: Eagle Connect LINK: eagleconnect.unt.edu/

ODA STATEMENT

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with an accommodation letter. You can now request your Letters of Accommodation ONLINE and ODA will mail your Letters of Accommodation to your instructors. You may wish to begin a private discussion with your professors regarding your specific needs in a course. Note that students must obtain a new letter of accommodation for every semester. For additional information see the Office of Disability Access. See: ODA LINK: disability.unt.edu. (Phone: (940) 565-4323)

DIVERSITY AND BELONGING

UNT values diversity and individuality as part of advancing ideals of human worth, dignity and academic excellence. Diverse viewpoints enrich open discussion, foster the examination of values and exposure of biases, help educate people in rational conflict resolution and responsive leadership, and prepare us for the complexities of a pluralistic society. As such, UNT is committed to maintaining an open, welcoming atmosphere that attracts qualified students, staff, and faculty from all groups to support their success. UNT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status in its application and admission process, educational programs and activities, employment policies and use of university facilities. See: Diversity and Inclusion Link: https://idea.unt.edu/diversity-inclusion

Health and Safety Information

Students can access information about health and safety at: https://music.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness

Registration Information for Students See: Registration Information Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/students

Academic Calendar, Spring 2024 See: Spring 2024 Academic Calendar Link: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide.html

Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Undergraduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total hours registered. Students cannot exceed attempted credit hours above 150% of their required degree plan. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

Students holding music scholarships must maintain a minimum 2.5 overall cumulative GPA and 3.0 cumulative GPA in music courses.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current

and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended that you to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course before doing so. See: Financial Aid LINK: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

Graduates

A student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to receive financial aid. Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA in addition to successfully completing a required number of credit hours based on total registered hours per term. Music scholarships require a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students cannot exceed maximum timeframes established based on the published length of the graduate program. If a student does not maintain the required standards, the student may lose their financial aid eligibility.

If at any point you consider dropping this or any other course, please be advised that the decision to do so may have the potential to affect your current and future financial aid eligibility. It is recommended you schedule a meeting with an academic advisor in your college, an advisor in UNT-International or visit the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office to discuss dropping a course. See: Financial Aid LINK: http://financialaid.unt.edu/sap

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. You have a right to view your individual record; however, information about your records will not be divulged to other individuals without the proper written consent. You are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the university’s policy in accordance with those mandates. See: FERPA Link: http://ferpa.unt.edu/

COUNSELING AND TESTING

UNT’s Center for Counseling and Testing has an available counselor for students in need. Please visit the Center’s website for further information: See: Counseling and Testing Link: http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services.

For more information on mental health issues, please visit: See: Mental Health Issues Link: https://speakout.unt.edu.

ADD/DROP POLICY

Please be reminded that dropping classes or failing to complete and pass registered hours may make you ineligible for financial aid. In addition, if you drop below half-time enrollment you may be required to begin paying back your student loans. See Academic Calendar (listed above) for additional add/drop Information.

Drop Information: https://registrar.unt.edu/registration/spring-registration-guide.html

STUDENT RESOURCES

The University of North Texas has many resources available to students. For a complete list, go to: See: Student Resources Link: https://success.unt.edu/aa-sa-resources

(Note: A printer-friendly PDF version is available by clicking the green button on the home page)

CARE TEAM

The Care Team is a collaborative interdisciplinary committee of university officials that meets regularly to provide a response to student, staff, and faculty whose behavior could be harmful to themselves or others. See: Care Team Link: https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care-team