

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

## **MUSC-191 and 192**

### **Class Voice I and II**

2 Semester Hours; 2 Semester Hours

## **HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Description**

Open to all interested students. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will have a basic understanding of the vocal function in singing. Equally important is the development of poise and self-confidence as a performer as well as overcoming symptoms of performance anxiety. The main activity of this course is the development of the singing voice through exercise and song. The skills acquired in the class will serve as a foundation for more in-depth vocal study on the private level. (2 hours weekly plus additional independent practice time)

Class Voice II will be a continuation of Class Voice I. Prerequisite: MUSC-191. (2 hours weekly plus additional independent practice time)

### **Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proper posture, breath control and support.
2. Demonstrate correct use of the mouth, tongue and jaw.
3. Discuss the role of vocal registers and tonal resonance in vocal performance.
4. Describe how to care for the throat to preserve vocal life.
5. Give a vocal performance to the class which shows the following: poise, self-confidence, thoughtful interpretation of the text and application of correct vocal technique.
6. Sing vocal exercises in such a way that the head voice is developed and the vocal registers are put into proper balance.

### **Major Topics**

- I. Physical Freedom
- II. Breath and the Body
- III. Free Tone
- IV. Changing Resonances in Your Voice
- V. Vowels and Vocal Color
- VI. Consonants
- VII. Preparing a Song
- VIII. Performing a Song

### **Course Requirements**

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following: Final grades will be based on the completion of course objectives as demonstrated in a mid-term performance and a final performance given to the class.

### **Other Course Information**

This course is a Fine Arts, Humanities and an Arts and Sciences elective.