

# **Common Course Outline**

MUSC 135

Voice Class

1 Semester Hour

## **The Community College of Baltimore County**

### **Description**

Voice Class

Provides class instruction in singing, with emphasis on basic techniques and voice production. Classical and popular repertoire will be studied. Open to all in the community.

### **Overall Course Objectives**

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

1. Sing with improved tone quality.
2. Understand and employ the elements of singing in a coordinated effort.
3. Understand and articulate the proper formation of vowels and consonants.
4. Display increased confidence in the ability to perform as soloist or chorister.
5. Listen with improved critical skills to him/herself and others.

### **Major Topics**

1. Fundamentals of vocal technique: posture, breath management, phonation, resonance, etc.
2. Physiology and acoustics of the voice.
3. Care and hygiene of the voice.
4. Vocal diction.
5. How to practice, and how to study and memorize a song for performance.
6. Performance techniques.
7. Study of appropriate musical repertoire, including folk songs, spirituals, art songs, popular and musical theater songs.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Regular class attendance and participation.
2. Effective use of individual practice time.
3. Evaluation/critique of musical growth by instructor and class peers.
4. Mid-term and final written and performance evaluations.
5. Bonus – written performance review

### **Other Course Information**

This course is required for all non-voice music majors pursuing an A.A. degree.