

English and Italian Diction – Mentzel
Washington Bible College
Spring 2010
SYLLABUS

Time: Wednesday, Time TBA Credit: 1 Credit
Location: Linton 1 Course Instructor: Michael Mentzel

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Required text: TBA. Course packets will be provided.

Recommended Materials: An English dictionary with IPA. 300,000 entries or more is recommended, but 40,000 should be your minimum. Used dictionaries are exceedingly cheap (e.g. amazon marketplace); just make sure it has IPA before you buy it.

Grading:

30% Participation
20% Homework , Quizzes
25% Midterm (English)
25% Final Exam (Italian)

Attendance Policy: While you will take notes in class as well as use the textbook and handouts (things you can get from a classmate), a major component of this course is in-class pronunciation and singing. Attendance for this course is therefore going to be crucial. You are allowed two unexcused absences. Every absence thereafter will lower your final grade by a letter (ex. From an A to a B, from a B- to a C-, etc). Examples of an excused absence: an illness verified by a doctor's note, a school performance, etc.

Participation: Participation includes being on time to class, having appropriate course materials, having focused attention throughout the class period and a reasonable involvement in class discussions.

In-Class Song Preparation/Presentation: Toward the end of the semester everyone may be asked to perform one or two English songs. I would prefer for it to be a classical song or aria rather than hymns so that we can address the pronunciation difficulties associated with singing in English. If you need recommendation for a song, let me know.

Academic Integrity: If asked to IPA a song, please do it from your notes and the handouts BEFORE consulting the dictionary. It will take a lot of time at first, but doing the work now will save loads of time later.

BlackBoard, a course management system, will be utilized in this course. Students must access BlackBoard for current syllabi, announcements, course notes, discussion questions, and other communications and materials.

Students are expected to keep their personal information current in BlackBoard and check the website throughout the semester for updated information. This is a very important communication tool and students will be held responsible for the information that BlackBoard contains.

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1. Go to www.bible.edu. Click on Academics>WBC Academics>BlackBoard or Academics>CBS Academics>BlackBoard. Once the BlackBoard login page opens, save it or bookmark it to your favorites. That way, if the bible.edu website is down, you will have the link to access our BlackBoard site. You can also access the WBC/CBS BlackBoard website directly at <http://fishersnet.blackboard.com>.
2. On the BlackBoard page click Login. The format for user names for WBC students is wbc-firstlastname (i.e., wbc-johncalvin) and for CBS students, cbs-firstlastname (i.e., cbs-johncalvin). Your password is the last four digits of your primary telephone number given at registration, with the following exception: *Students who have used Blackboard in the past will use the same login information as in previous semesters, including previously used passwords.*
3. Verify that your school e-mail address is current in Tools>Personal Information. **Students are responsible for keeping their personal information current in Blackboard.**
4. If you have questions or access problems, contact Kathi Haley at khaley@bible.edu. **For prompt results, requests for help should be made during regular business hours 9:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Friday.**
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