



ESCUELA UNIVERSITARIA
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Vocal Training

COURSE GUIDE

BACHELOR'S IN PERFORMING ARTS AND SCREEN ACTING
COURSE 2026/2027



Universidad
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Course data

<i>Duration</i>	Annual
<i>Credits</i>	6 ECTS
<i>Modality</i>	In-person
<i>Language</i>	English
<i>Faculty</i>	Performing Arts
<i>Teacher</i>	Irene Martín

Course presentation

Vocal process: physiological body-voice correlations. From the open sound to the articulated word. The voice on stage. Relationship between character and register.

Student competencies

CG01	Manage information from different sources and apply it to the area of stage and screen acting.
CG03	Apply the most appropriate working methods to overcome the challenges in the study and practice of individual and/or collective acting, seeking excellence and quality.
CG05	Solve problems and generate work dynamics in multidisciplinary environments.
CG09	Know different study and research methodologies for expanding the ability to a continuous development and innovation in one's activity within the performing arts and audiovisual industries.
CG10	Develop critical discourses towards personal and interpersonal activity adapting to cultural, social, artistic and professional changes.
CE02	Identify, evaluate and put into practice different stage techniques and acting paradigms.
CE04	Identify and apply different techniques to develop dramatic action, character building and the configuration of situations and scenes.
CE06	Assimilate different voice training methods to improve vocal articulation and projection and develop the expressive potential of acting.
CE12	Assimilate different voice training methods to improve vocal articulation and projection and develop the expressive potential of acting.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of this course, each student must be able to:

1. Express themselves vocally in a healthy, correct and clear manner.
2. Use the techniques that have been learned to the possibilities of the phonation system.

3. Manage breathing without tension, to move freely and emit the voice healthily.
4. Project and channel emotions through the voice, in speaking and singing.
5. Have good vocalization, diction and pronunciation.
6. Improvise and take risks by playing with the voice to broaden vocal pitch, registers and qualities.

Teaching methodology

MD1	Participatory lecture.
MD2	Case studies and discussion.
MD3	Problem resolution and discussion of results.
MD5	Cooperative and collaborative learning.
MD6	Tutorials and guidance.

Course content

Content	1. The vocal process (phonation). 2. From open sound to articulated word. 3. The voice on stage. 4. Relationship between character and register.
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Actividades formativas

AF1	Theory and combination theory-practice learning.	18 hours
AF2	Classroom/lab exercises and practice.	24 hours
AF4	Arts appreciation activities: seminars, visits to exhibitions or viewings of visual/audiovisual works.	12 hours
AF7	Assessment	6 hours
AF8	Self-study of theoretical content and autonomous assignment work and practical activities.	120 hours

* The hours assigned to the different learning activities may vary depending on the academic needs of the course, the group or the teaching team.

Assessment

GENERAL ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Non-attendance to more than 20% of class sessions and activities may lead to failure of the course and disqualification from the regular assessment period. The teaching team decides how this rule is applied.

MARKS

Continuous Assessment is a comprehensive assessment of each student's results judged on the assessment criteria described in the following section, on a scale of 0 to 10 as provided in current legislation.

Students wishing to bring up their grade in the extraordinary/re-assessment period must first contact the Registrar's Office to expressly waive in writing all of the marks they obtained in the regular assessment period. Their final assessment mark will be the mark obtained in re-assessment.

SPELLING AND EXPRESSION

The grading of written examinations and assignments will consider spelling, grammar, and clarity of expression. Errors in spelling, punctuation, and writing style may negatively affect the final grade, depending on their nature, frequency, and severity.

UNIVERSITY WRITTEN REPORTS

These must have a title page, table of contents and bibliography listing at least 4 sources. These works must be original. Excerpts from other authors must be properly cited. Demonstrable plagiarism is an academic offence. If one student copies the work of another student, both shall be held accountable.

SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

REGULAR ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The teaching team will provide the details/specifications on the content or submission of assessment tasks; this information will be given in class or in a document made available to the student on the Virtual Course Space (in Spanish, *Aula Virtual*).

Assignments that are not submitted within the established deadlines for Re-evaluable criteria may be considered as 'Not Submitted' (NP). These may either be submitted and evaluated during the extraordinary assessment period, or receive a grade of 0 to be factored into the average, if the instructor deems it appropriate for reasons of feasibility and/or academic coherence. Unsubmitted assignments belonging to Non-Re-evaluable criteria will receive a grade of 0.

<i>Assessment task (*)</i>	<i>Revaluable/non-revaluable</i>	<i>Minimum mark yes/no</i>	<i>% of final mark</i>
SE1 In-class tests and examinations (oral and/or written).	Revaluable	Yes	35%
SE2 Assignments and projects.	Revaluable	Yes	25%
SE3 Continuous assessment: weekly tasks and homework, periodical reports, problem resolution.	Revaluable	Yes	30%
SE5 Attitude and participation.	Non-revaluable	No	10%
			100%

(*) Records and evidence of all of the assessment tasks (writings, recordings, etc.) listed in this table will be kept and filed in the Registrar's Office.

EXTRAORDINARY/RE-ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Students who have not passed the course during the regular assessment period may choose one of the following extraordinary assessment options:

- **Option 1: Criterion-based reassessment.** Assessment will be limited exclusively to the reassessable criteria that were not passed during the regular assessment period. The reassessment activity will be of the same nature as the original one (exam, assignment, etc.). The grades obtained in the ordinary assessment period for non-reassessable criteria (provided the minimum passing grade was achieved) will be retained and included in the weighted calculation of the final extraordinary assessment grade.
- **Option 2: Comprehensive reassessment.** Students may complete a single assessment activity accounting for 100% of the extraordinary assessment. The nature of this activity will be determined by the instructor and may include an oral or written examination, submission of a portfolio, theoretical and/or practical assignments, or other equivalent forms of assessment.

The instructor must communicate both Option 1 and Option 2 for the extraordinary assessment through the course notice board on the virtual campus at least 10 days prior to the extraordinary assessment date.

Students must respond to this communication via the virtual campus notice board, indicating their choice of Option 1 or Option 2, at least 3 days prior to the extraordinary assessment date. If a student does not respond, the instructor will automatically apply Option 2 (a single assessment activity accounting for 100% of the extraordinary assessment).

REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT MARKS

As set out in the TAI School of the Arts Student Handbook.



Resources

RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Berry, C. (20021) Text in action. (A Definitive Guide To Exploring Text in Rehearsals). Virgin.
Behrman, A., Haskell, J. (2019) Exercises for Voice Therapy. Plural Publishing.

REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE

Notebooks or similar to take notes and keep a voice diary throughout the learning process.
Comfortable clothing that allows for unrestricted movement. You work barefoot. You can wear -
occasionally- anti-slip socks.
Well-learned texts that do not require any effort of memory in order to be able to experience.