Lyric Diction Requirements 2017
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Proficiency Information
Italian, French, and German diction proficiency tests and/or classes are:
- REQUIRED* for Undergraduate Transfer and Graduate Voice Performance majors, all doctoral Conducting majors, and Master of Music Choral Conducting majors
- Students who have completed a degree at the SMTD are exempt from this exam
- Italian and French diction proficiency tests are given only in September before classes begin
- German diction proficiency test is administered in December.

Appointments
- Italian and French diction proficiency tests will be given in Stearns, Room 222
  - Thursday, August 31st 10:30am – 1:30pm
  - Friday, September 1st 3:00 – 6:00pm
- There will be a 10-minute singing time for each language. You can request to take both tests one after the other, or spread apart, or even on different days. If you have any questions, contact Professor Timothy Cheek (see below).

Testing Format
One language test is 45 minutes long**:
1. 35 minute written test using the International Phonetic Alphabet;
2. 10 minute performance (memorized) of one song or aria in the language (Prof. Cheek will accompany). Non-singers can feel free to drop octaves.
3. possible discussion about pronunciation

Preparation
Recommended texts:
A Handbook of Diction for Singers, by David Adams, Oxford University Press; Singing in French, by Thomas Grubb, Schirmer Books; and German for Singers, by William Odom, Schirmer Books

Diction Class Offerings
Fall Classes may be elected for one or two credit hours; the work is the same.
- Italian diction: 9:30–10:30 MWF in the Fall
- French diction: 10:30–11:30 in the Fall
- German diction: 10:30–11:30 MWF in the Winter

*The lyric diction requirement is a different requirement from your foreign language requirements.
**If you decide you want to register for a specific class and not take the test, please see Dr. Cheek or email him at tcheek@umich.edu. Classes are in high demand, and you will need permission to join.