

Hagerstown Community College

Official Course Syllabus Document

COURSE: HUM 110 – Oral Interpretation of Literature 3 Credits

INSTRUCTOR: Mike Harsh

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course covers the basic techniques of oral reading. Emphasis is placed on expressing the meaning and mood of poetry, drama, and prose materials. Practice in reading aloud to others is stressed. Total of 45 hours of lecture.

TEXTBOOK:

Gura, Timothy, and Charlotte I. Lee. Oral Interpretation, twelfth Edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2009.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

1. develop an ability to evaluate quality in the selection and performance of literature
2. develop an understanding of theories of oral interpretation
3. apply this knowledge to the performance of literature through written analysis and oral presentations
4. recognize a variety of performance styles suitable to various genres of literature
5. increase an ability to evaluate quality in the selection and performance of literature and to apply that ability through written and oral critiques
6. Hone the necessary skills to work in a setting of self discipline, perseverance, and effective time management
7. enhance the ability to create and present a performance script out of literary material

Expectation of Coursework: *To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit.*

In-class instruction and discussion	37.5 hours
Assigned readings and literature analysis	40 hours
Performance preparation	15 hours for prewriting, writing, revision, and practice
Written analyses papers	20 hours for prewriting, writing, research, documentation, and revision
TOTAL MINIMUM TIME AN AVERAGE STUDENT SHOULD EXPECT TO SPEND ON THIS CLASS	112.5 HOURS