Upper Division Qualifying Exam Info…for VOCAL PERFORMANCE Majors

**Vocal Studies Department**

Purpose: To determine through examination whether voice students at the conclusion of study at level IVB are qualified to enter a chosen major. All level IVB students will take a comprehensive Upper Division Qualifying Jury exam in which sight-reading, learning new repertoire, and other functional skills will be tested. In addition to performing the regular jury repertoire, students will be required to learn a song in 24 hours without help from their teacher (not memorized).

Upper Division Qualifying Jury exams will occur on a separate day, will last approximately 20 minutes and will be attended by voice, music education, theory/composition and music therapy faculty. Students who do not pass this exam must repeat applied music level IVB and will not be granted junior standing in music. *The Upper Division Qualifying Jury exam may be retaken no more than two times (for a total of three times altogether) and only at the discretion of the student’s applied vocal instructor.*

**Majors in Performance:** The exam will consist of seven (7) selections representing each of the following:

- Four languages – English, German, French and Italian (At the applied teacher’s discretion, Latin, Spanish, Russian, and/or Portuguese may be substituted for German or French provided the student is already proficient in German and French and has performed songs in German and French on previous juries)
- One Opera aria
- One Oratorio aria