

Diction Diagnostic Exam

Materials Permitted

Diction textbooks, notes from previous diction courses taken (Note: resources containing only IPA transcriptions and word-for-word translations, such as *Exploring Art Song Lyrics* by Jonathan Retzlaff and Cheri Montgomery, will not be permitted)

Materials Not Permitted

Dictionaries, cell phones, tablets, computers

This ***open-book exam*** will consist of transcribing into International Phonetic Alphabet 4-8 lines of poetry in each of 3 languages (French, Italian, and German); a word-for-word translation plus any other information that would require a dictionary will be provided. In addition, the exam will require writing English text below 4-8 lines of poetry provided in IPA transcription (American Standard English), then transcribing select words from the same text back into English (British, Received Pronunciation).

There will be a small number of short-answer questions about each language (for example: "What is liaison? Give one example."). These will require no more than one or two sentences to answer.