Preparation for Diction Screening Test

International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
The IPA is the nationally recognized tool for studying diction in virtually all foreign languages you will encounter in your study at Westminster. Be prepared to read IPA correctly, as in the examples from common English language words below.

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[bo\text{ː}t] & & [faɪə] & & [‘plɛʒə]\ & & [tʃɑrt] \\
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English Diction
You will be asked to read two short poems in English of our choosing, one with modern American pronunciation, and one with British “Received” pronunciation. (Hint: pay special attention to the handling of each “R”.)

Italian Diction
Be prepared to read Italian words correctly, as in the examples below.

- giallo
- figlio
- ciarla
- disdegno
- sciolta
- quiete
- agnello
- ghiacciare

You will be asked to read a short poem in Italian of our choosing, with correct pronunciation and inflection.

French Diction
Be prepared to read Italian words correctly, as in the examples below.

- pluie
- orgueil
- joués
- Séguedille
- ennui
- foyer
- ayez
- heureux

You will be asked to read a short poem in French of our choosing with correct pronunciation and inflection.

German Diction
Be prepared to read German words correctly, as in the examples below.

- Glück
- Schönheit
- klingen
- durch
- für
- gegen
- Vaterland
- Erde

You will be asked to read a short poem in German of our choosing with correct pronunciation and inflection.