

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
COLLEGE OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS
OFFICE OF EXTENDED STUDIES
SUMMER 2012**

TENTATIVE SYLLABUS

MUS 508-610: Teaching Music in its Context

Workshop Dates: June 11-16

Credit Hours: 3

Meeting Times: 8:30-12, 1:30-5:30 each day plus additional time at night will be needed to work on workshop projects

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Notice

The Office of Extended Studies reserves the right to cancel or reschedule courses based upon enrollment. Enrolled students will be contacted with information of any change.

Course Description:

This course illustrates ways music teachers can incorporate a humanities-based approach into their classroom teaching, ensembles, and private lessons for any age group.. Bachelor's degree required, preferably in music.

Required Text and Materials:

No required text, reading materials will be supplied by the instructor.

Course Goals:

The student will participate in class discussions.

The student will read any assigned materials and be prepared to discuss them in class.

The student will use material gleaned from lectures to help in preparation of the daily assignments.

The student will create three lesson plans around an assigned piece of music that incorporate a humanities approach for an assigned age group.

The student will create and present a short lesson for an age group and class of their choice. This will be presented during the final class. The topic will chosen from a list of possible topics/musical pieces.

Assignments:

Attendance at and participation in daily lectures. 20% of the grade

Daily Reading Assignments: These will consist mainly of literary excerpts that correspond with the aesthetic concepts presented in the lecture. These readings will be discussed in class, with the focus on how they represent the given artistic period, and what types of readings could be appropriate to various age levels. 10% of the grade

Practical Assignments: Three musical examples will be given to the class, with the assignment being to create a lesson plan revolving around that piece of music. These lesson plans must incorporate a humanities approach, and will be directed at a specific age group. 30% of the grade (10% for each one)

Final Presentation: Each student will give a short presentation during the last day of class. The length of these presentations will be determined by the number of students enrolled in the class. If the class size is prohibitive, these may be assigned as group projects. Each student will choose an age group, and will choose from a list of topics/musical pieces one item. They will prepare a short presentation accompanied by full lesson plans for that topic. These will include examples from across the humanities spectrum as illustrations for the presentation materials. This is an expansion of the Practical Assignments. 40% of the grade

Point Breakdown:

Attendance and Participation: 8 points per day	40
Daily Reading Assignments: 5 points per day	20
Practical Assignments: 20 points per assignment	60
Final Presentation: 80 points	80

Total Points possible **200**

Evaluation and Grading: Letter graded

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F 59 and below

All assignments to be completed by the end of the last day of class.

Course Schedule to be provided later.

Students with Disabilities

Any student requesting disability accommodation for this class must inform the instructor giving appropriate notice. Students are encouraged to contact Disability Support Services at (970) 351-2289 to certify documentation of disability and to ensure appropriate accommodations are implemented in a timely manner.

Honor Code

All members of the University of Northern Colorado community are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold and promote five fundamental values: *Honesty, Trust, Respect, Fairness, and Responsibility*. These core elements foster an atmosphere, inside and outside of the classroom, which serves as a foundation and guides the UNC community's academic, professional, and personal growth. Endorsement of these core elements by students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees strengthens the integrity and value of our academic climate.

UNC's Policies

UNC's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed. For additional information, please see the Dean of Student's website, Student Handbook link <http://www.unco.edu/dos/handbook/index.html>

Student Satisfaction Evaluation

Participants will be asked to evaluate the workshop for instructors' knowledge, interest and enthusiasm as well as providing additional information on classes or topics which you would like to see developed as a future offering from UNC.

Portable Electronic Devices

Please extend courtesy to your instructor and fellow students by turning off your portable electronic devices such as: cell phones, pagers, and iPods. Although not an audio issue, text-messaging is a distraction to other students and prevents you from full participation in class. You should keep your portable electronic devices in your backpack or purse during class. Your personal electronic devices should not be on your desks. If you know that you may need to accept an emergency phone call during class or if you have children in childcare or school, please let the instructor know. If you need to take a phone call during class, please step out of the classroom while you complete your call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Course Withdrawal Information

In accordance with University and Colorado Department of Higher Education policy, if you drop this class after the course starts you will be assessed a drop fee. The drop fee is pro-rated up to the half-way point in the class. You are legally responsible for payment of full tuition once 50% of this course has been concluded. In order to be eligible to receive any refund of tuition, you must contact the Office of Extended Studies (1-800-232-1749) to formally withdraw from your class. Your refund, if applicable, will be based on the date of contact with our office.

Withdrawals received via telephone during non-business hours will be processed and dated on the next working day. Failure to notify us will result in UNC tuition being owed even though you do not attend or complete the coursework.