



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

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## Extended Campus

College of Performing and Visual Arts  
School of Music  
Spring 2025

**Title:** MUS 513-600 Colorado All-State Middle School Choir (CMASC) Music Festival 2025

**Credits:** 1-3

**Dates:** February 6-March 6 2025

**Instructor:** Clelyn Chapin

### Course Description

All State Middle School Choir (CMASC). It will include the following components:

- Teacher musical preparation of their own students prior to the CMASC Festival.
- Course meeting at the event.
- CMASC Festival rehearsal observations.
- Journal entries reflecting upon methods and strategies used in CMASC rehearsals.
- CMASC Concert attendance.
- Conversation with one colleague.

- Submission of lesson plan that implements the strategies observed in CMASC rehearsal in the teacher's classroom.
- For those taking two hours of credit, they will submit a project in the month following the course in which they will record strategies they have used in their classroom and reflect on their effectiveness OR serve on the All-State board and provide a reflection about their experience in guiding the All-State process.
- Those serving on the All-State Board may opt for the 3 credit option.

### **Course Objectives**

- Students will successfully prepare their own student (s) for CMASC Festival participation and discern ways in which to apply observed conducting and rehearsal techniques from CMASC rehearsals into their own teaching.
- Students will also evaluate and reflect on the effectiveness of the rehearsal strategies of guest clinicians.
- Students will apply rehearsal techniques in their own classrooms.

### **Rationale for Graduate Credit:**

The Colorado All-State event is the most advanced experience for a middle school musician and their directors. This is the only annual opportunity for students to play with the very best musicians from throughout the state. It is also the only time during the year when the directors can learn from these clinicians, have input into the All-State system, and to attend meetings and sessions devised strictly for middle school choral directors.

### **Grading Method:** P/F grade

To earn a grade of Passing (P). Total of 80% or better on requirements.

- 100% attendance at all rehearsals, meetings and sessions
- Keep a log of all rehearsals attended
- Complete and submit a journal assignment reflecting on the event prior to the end of the course.

### **Evaluation:**

Each student will keep a log of all rehearsals attended. Attendance will be taken at the meetings and lecture sessions. Each student will submit a journal entry assignment, due upon the completion of the event, reflecting on observed aspects of the rehearsals and performance.

**Disability Resource Center:**

It is the policy and practice of the University of Northern Colorado to create inclusive learning environments. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that present barriers to your inclusion or to an accurate assessment of your achievement (e.g. time-limited exams, inaccessible web content, use of videos without captions), please communicate this with your professor and contact Disability Resource Center (DRC) to request accommodations. Office: (970) 351-2289, Michener Library L-80. Students can learn more about the accommodation process at <http://www.unco.edu/disability-support-services/>.

**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/deanof-students/pdf/student-Code-of-conduct.pdf>.

**Special Term/Short Course:**

Special Term Courses do not meet during a typical semester (begin or end earlier or later), these courses have different add/drop/withdrawal dates. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of these dates. Please refer to "special term/short course deadlines" from this link:

<http://www.unco.edu/registrar/current-students/course-add-drop.aspx>, to learn the dates for this course.

To drop or withdraw, you must contact the Registrar's Office at 970-351-2231.

**Billing:**

The UNC Bursar's office will email a billing notification, and information on how to pay, to your student BearMail. Accounts not paid in full by the due date will be assessed a monthly finance charge. Please refer to online course listing for more billing information.

**Requesting Transcripts:**

There are two options for requesting transcripts. For an unofficial transcript, on your Student tab in URSA, choose "Unofficial transcript" located under the "Grades" heading. For an official transcript, go to <http://www.unco.edu/registrar/etranscripts.aspx>.