Westminster College
Department of Music
Field Experience/Internship
MUS 591
Syllabus (Fall 2018)

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Location: Band Room PH 51, 53 and
Performance locations: TBA
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I. Internship Description
This Internship program, sponsored by the New Castle Lyric Opera, is designed to provide students with performing experience in the elementary to middle school situation. A total of 40 hours equaling 1 credit hour is the parameter of this course. The New Castle Lyric Opera will cover costs of grab bags for students in the schools, provide Transportation to and from performances and provide an accompanist for each event.

II. Requirements
* Students will design and refine an opera-in-the-schools program: “Story Book Opera – Seasons of Opera”
* Attend rehearsals from two to three times weekly
* Prepare and organize all props, costumes and children’s grab bags
* Prepare and execute six performances in venues outside the school
* Prepare, memorize and keep in shape dialog and musical numbers from the production.

III. Outcomes and Assessment
* Verbal feedback and discussion with students and faculty will give us time to evaluate and improve aspects of the performance prior to going into the schools.
* A final written paper will be submitted to the instructor with evaluation and reflections on the success of the performances with regard to the various audiences encountered and the success of this production as designed to improve musical experiences and educate them about opera.
* Performance outcomes will be evaluated by Instructor and Collaborator from the New Castle Lyric Opera Company Board member/pianist- Ms. Kathryn Mansell

IV. Grading – Pass/Fail