

UnCommon Arts – Dear Evan Hansen

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Instructor Information

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Course Description

This highly participatory one credit course will explore the Broadway phenomenon **Dear Evan Hansen**. Throughout the course we will discuss the themes, staging, meaning and cultural context of this performance. We will discuss the impact that it has had on audiences all over and after viewing the performance, we will finish the semester discussing the performance in the context of the course. Please note that the content of the performance, and by extension some of the conversations in class, will include discussions of suicide. If that is a topic that you are uncomfortable discussing, please meet with the instructor no later than the first day of class.

Course Objectives

1. Explore the performance from the perspective of the show writers
2. Analyze the impact this performance has had on past audiences
3. Discuss how the performance affects current audiences

Required Textbooks and Software

Dear Evan Hansen Through the Window by Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Attendance is expected for each class. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. Click [here](#) to read the university attendance policies.

In addition, attendance at the performance of Dear Evan Hansen is mandatory. The performance is on Monday November 4, 2024 at 7:30pm at the UF Philips Center for the Performing Arts. Our class will meet at 6:30pm for the pre-show lecture. Attendance at both the pre-show lecture and for the entirety of the show are required.

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Percentage of Final Grade
Weekly Participation	40%
Attendance at the show (including the pre-show lecture)	30%
Written Reflection #1	10%
Written Reflection #2	10%
Written Reflection #3	10%
Total	100%

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93-100	A	4.00
90-92	A-	3.67
86-89	B+	3.33
83-85	B	3.00
80-82	B-	2.67
76-79	C+	2.33
73-75	C	2.00
70-72	C-	1.67
66-69	D+	1.33
63-65	D	1.00
60-62	D-	0.67
0-59	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Technical Help

If you need technical assistance, please [visit the helpdesk website](#) or call 352-392-4357

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. [Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner](#). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. [Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students here](#).

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. [Click here to read the Honor Code](#). Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <http://registrar.ufl.edu/catalog0910/policies/regulationferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

- *U Matter, We Care*: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- *Counseling and Wellness Center*: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- *Student Health Care Center*: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).
- *University Police Department*: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- *UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center*: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).

Academic Resources

- *E-learning technical support*: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.
- *Career Connections Center*: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- *Library Support*: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.
- *Teaching Center*: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- *Writing Studio*: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- *Student Complaints On-Campus*: [Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information](#).
- *On-Line Students Complaints*: [View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process](#).