

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Special Topics in English and Cultural Studies**

Course Number and Section:

ENGLISH

2551F 550

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Course Description:

This course explores Taylor Swift's songwriting in the context of writing by other songwriters and poets. In addition to engaging in the literary analysis of these texts, students will theorize topics relevant to Swift's music and cultural impact such as love, the breakup, gender, ageism, presentism, and more.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the characteristics of Taylor Swift's songwriting and its interpretation
2. Communicate ideas about literary and cultural texts orally and in writing
3. Engage in research to complete course assignments
4. Understand and apply the basic rules of writing mechanics in written projects
5. Analyze literary and cultural texts
6. Demonstrate the principles of academic integrity in course assignments
7. Create a podcast and present their work to the class
8. Create a song and reflect on the creation in a written rationale

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Texts will be found on Brightspace, linked through the library, and printed for students in class. In lieu of one course text, students will purchase a ticket at the student discounted rate through The Grand Theatre box office for the experiential learning event. Please refer to the syllabus for finalized readings.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation and "r/Taylor Swift" (Forum) Postings		20

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Theatre Review		15
Podcast		20
Songwriting Journal and Written Rationale		20
Exam		25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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