

Title: Death and Dying

Description

This seminar will try to provide a sense of the meaning of mortality from both historical and contemporary perspectives. It will probe various understandings of the experience of dying, examine the impact of death on those who survive, and discuss the dilemmas death poses for us today.

Textbook(s) and Recommended reading

- Understanding Dying, Death, and Bereavement. Leming and Dickinson; Wadsworth/Cengage 6th ed. 2007
7th ed. 2011
- Final Gifts. Callanan and Kelley; Bantam Books © 1992
- On Death and Dying. Kubler-Ross; Simon and Schuster/Touchstone Books © 1969, 1997
- A Grief Observed. Lewis, C.S.; Harper Collins © 1961
- No Time for Goodbyes. Lord, Janice H; Pathfinder Publishing © 1987
- Telling a Child About Death. Jackson, Edgar N; Hawthorn Books © 1965
- Gone From My Sight. Karnes, Barbara; self-published © 1986, 2013
- Death and Dying. Fulton, Robert, et al.; Boyd & Fraser Publishing © 1978, 1981
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Goals and Objectives

1. Understand and convey the significance of the value of worldviews as it relates to death and dying
2. Gain specific insights about cultural diversity, ethnic diversity, and religious difference as regards to funeral practices and mourning rituals
3. Learn how past practices and beliefs relate to the present
4. Learn from professionals who regularly embrace the death and dying of our community
5. Plan on a visit to a funeral home and begin making preparations
6. Write your obituary and eulogy
7. Make provision for the material objects you own and your body when you die

Course

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| Chapter 1 | PowerPoint “Current Interests in Death”
Music: “Another One Bites the Dust,” Queen |
| Chapter 2 | PowerPoint “American Experience of Death”
Music: “Gone til November,” Wyclif Jean |
| Chapter 3 | PowerPoint “Growing Up w/Death.”
Music: “DC 10,” Audio Adrenaline |
| Chapter 4 “Dead Birds; Documentary” | PowerPoint “Perspectives”
Music: “Tell Laura I Love Her,” Ray Patterson |
| Chapter 5 | PowerPoint “The Dying Process”
Music: “1979,” Smashing Pumpkins |
| Chapter 6 | PowerPoint “Living w/ Dying”
Music: “Don’t Fear The Reaper,” Blue Oyster Cult |
| Chapter 7 Hospice | PowerPoint “Dying in the American Healthcare System”
Music: “Twilight Zone” Golden Earing |
| Chapter 8 Bio-Med Issues | PowerPoint “Biomed Issues”
Music: “Turn, Turn, Turn,” Pete Seeger |
| Chapter 9 Suicide | PowerPoint “Suicide”
Music: “Where Is The Love?” Black Eyed Peas |
| Chapter 10 Diversity DVD Taboo season 2 V2 Body Chasers | Music, “The Messiah - Since by man came death” George Fredrick Handel |
| Chapter 11 | PowerPoint “The Business of Dying” |
| Chapter 14 | Grieving throughout the Life Cycle |