## Course Description:
An analysis of the physical, psychology, philosophy, and socio-cultural aspects of death and dying, especially as it relates to the general views of death in Western society. Encourages the students to reframe their paradigm of death as something to fear to one where death is viewed as an advisor that supports life-affirming traits and values. The course also explores bereavement, counseling and ethical decision-making related to death and dying. (3 hr. lecture)

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| **Competency 1:** The student will explain the theoretical perspectives regarding death, dying and bereavement by: | • Communication  
• Cultural / Global Perspective  
• Social Responsibility |
| 1. Describing the different theories of death and dying.  
2. Identifying the impact of scientific innovation on human life, death and dying.  
4. Examining common personal views, attitudes and belief systems regarding death, dying, bereavement, and personal wellness. | |
| **Competency 2:** The student will apply theoretical perspectives regarding death, dying and bereavement by: | • Communication  
• Cultural / Global Perspective  
• Social Responsibility  
• Ethical Issues |
| 1. Distinguishing between the different theories of death and dying.  
2. Differentiating values, spirituality, traditions, rituals, and policies addressing death and dying by socio-cultural contexts.  
3. Matching common personal views, attitudes and belief systems regarding death, dying, bereavement and personal wellness with myths and scientific findings regarding death, dying, bereavement and personal wellness | |
**Competency 3:** The student will synthesize the theoretical perspectives and socio-cultural and personal attitudes toward death, dying and bereavement by:

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1. Relating issues relevant to scientific innovations and socio-cultural contexts regarding values, spirituality, traditions, rituals and policies addressing death and dying.
2. Applying theoretical perspectives regarding death, dying and bereavement to personal encounters with morality, suicide, life-threatening situations, dying, loss and bereavement.
3. Connecting theoretical perspectives to self-discovery of personal views, attitudes and belief systems regarding death, dying, bereavement and personal wellness.