



PSY 262: Introduction to Thanatology

This course is a survey of the numerous loss experiences in the human condition with special attention to dying issues, the demography of death, grief, funeralization and memorialization. Attention will be given to special types of grief, children's education and afterlife theories. Three lecture hours per week.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate personal knowledge of the current trends and over 100 glossary concepts utilized in thanatology.
2. Demonstrate the ability to prepare and plan their own funeral arrangements and help others to do the same.
3. Explain the death and grief process to children by knowing their awareness levels and expected grief manifestations.
4. Understand trauma deaths such as suicide, SIDS, miscarriage and child's death with specific attention to causes, prevention and grief reactions.
5. Develop a comprehensive guide of resources and support groups for the dying and those who are grieving.
6. Recognize and explain good health practices and statistical correlates for longevity.

Credits: 3

Program: Psychology