

PSYC 4500 B : DEATH AND DYING

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COURSE DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTOR'S STATEMENT

Advanced Topics in Developmental Psychology – Death and Dying. This course will offer an in-depth exploration of death and dying. Topics to be discussed include how views of death change across our lifespan and the different ways in which people grieve and cope with the loss of a loved one. Further exploration into how religious beliefs and cultural experiences influence our view towards death and dying. Other topics will include medical assistance in dying, how psychedelics can be used to reduce death anxiety, and near-death experiences.

EVALUATION (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Presentation (30%) - Each student will give a 20-minute presentation followed by 5 minutes of discussion period.

Class Participation (20%) -To get a high participation mark you must come to class prepared to discuss the reading for that week and actively participate in the class discussion. Students should be attentive (e.g., not on your phone or asleep) and actively participating (e.g., asking questions, answering other students' questions)

Research Topics assignment feedback (10%) – A one-page summary of research ideas and provide feedback to classmates on their research ideas.

Research Paper (40%) - students will design a study and write an 8–10-page double spaced research paper related to any topic related to death and dying.

TEXT

Research articles and relevant information will be provided to students. No textbook required.