

SOCI 2810B/ANTH 2815B

Death and Dying

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Do you believe in the right to die? Do you wonder how participants at a funeral are encouraged to raise a glass and cheerfully talk about a departed mother or partner? Do you question how a person decides to participate in a dark tour? Do you remember the movies or cartoons that shaped your feelings about end-of-life experiences? Have you ever received caregiving and death education? This course explores a range of contemporary, historical, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary perspectives on the sociology and anthropology of death and dying. Death is a universal and unavoidable experience, meanwhile, we usually think about it as a deeply personal and private experience. No wonder this topic is normally absent in day-to-day conversations.

EVALUATION

1. Attendance and Participation 20%
2. Problem based learning 10% **Due 7 Feb**
3. Midterm 30% **Date 7 Feb**
4. Presentations 10% *TBA*
5. Artwork 10% *TBA*
6. Final assignment 20% **Due 4 April**

TEXT

1. Northcott, H.C., & Wilson, D.M. (2021). Dying and death in Canada (4th ed.) University of Toronto Press.
Could be bought from Amazon for 48.95 \$, second-hand copies are acceptable.
2. Any additional readings will be posted onto the BS.