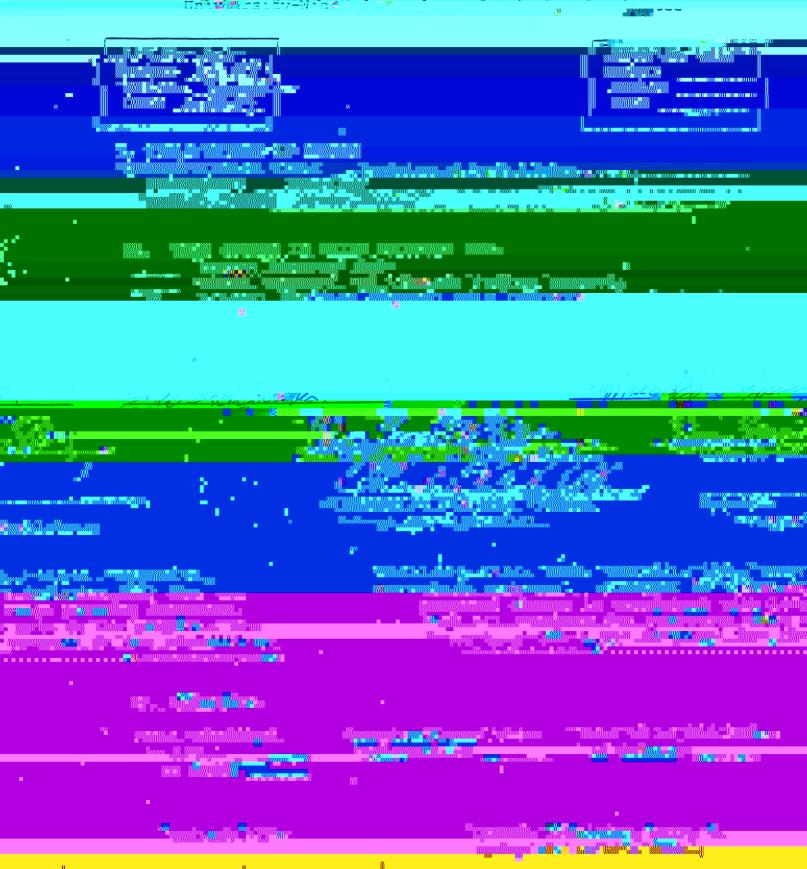
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Liberal Studies Form - 2

PART II. WHICH LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS WILL YOUR COURSE MEET? Check all that apply and attach an explanation.

All Liberal Studies courses must contribute to at least one of these goals; most vill meet more than one. As you check them off, please indicate whether you consider them to be primary or secondary goals of the course. For example, a history course might assume "historical consciousness" and "acquiring a body of knowledge" as its primary goals, but it might also enhance inquiry skills or literacy or library skills.

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PART III. DOES YOUR COURSE MEET THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES? Please attach answers to these questions.

	A. If this is a multiple-section, multiple-instructor course, there should be a basic equivalency (though not necessarily uniformity) among the sections in such things as objectives, content, assignments, and evaluation. Note: this should not be interpreted to mean that all confessors must make the same assignments.	
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	allow the flexibility which contributes to imaginative, committed teaching and capitalizes on the streangths of individual faculty.	
	What are the strategies that your department will use to assure that basic equivalency exists? Examples might be the establishment of departmental guidelines, assignment of repsonsibility to a coordinating committee exchange and discussion of individual instructor syllabi periodic	

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Liberal Studies Form - 4

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CHECK LIST -- LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

Knowledge Area Criteria which the course must meet:
Treat concepts, themes, and events in sufficient depth to enable students to appreciate the complexity, history, and current implications of what is being studied; and not be merely cursory coverages of lists of topics.
X Suggest the major intellectual questions/problems which interest practitioners of a discipline and explore critically the important theories and principles presented by the discipline.
X Allow students to understand and apply the methods of inquiry and vocabulary commonly used in the discipline.
X Encourage students to use and enhance, wherever possible, the composition and mathematics skills built in the Skill Areas of Liberal Studies.
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X Meet the "General Criteria Which Apply to All Liberal Studies Courses."
Not be a technical, professional, or pre-professional course.
Explanation: Appropriate courses are to be characterized by learning in its broad, liberal sense rather than in the sense of technique or professional proficiency. For instance, assuming it met all the other criteria for Liberal Studies, a course in "Theater History" might be appropriate, while one in "The Craft of Set Construction" graphably would not: or a course in "Modern American Poetry" might
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the Secondary Schools' probably would not; or, a course on 'Mass Media and American Society' might be appropriate while one in

Course Syllabus

Psychology of Death & Dying - PC 378 Gordon Thornton

Texts:

DeSpelder & Strickland. The Last Dance: Encountering

Death and Dying (2nd ed.). Palo Alto, CA: Mayfield.

Articles listed in the attached reference sheet.

Topic	<u>DeSpelder</u>	<u>Articles</u>
CONCEPTS OF DYING AND DEATH American attitudes toward death Death anxiety	Chapter 1	Aries
Cross cultural viewpoint	Chapter 2	Corcos & Krupka

DISCUSSION: Concept of death

Development of concept of death

DISCUSSION: Children's death literature

Chapter 3

Culig et al.

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Children and death

Chapter 8

Zwartjes et al.

TEST

THE DYING PROCESS

Homework exercises, attendance for class guest speakers, and field trips are 5 points. Class participation is worth up to 40 points. Class participation will involve class exercises, class (not group) discussion, and questions to guests.

REQUIRED READINGS FOR PSYCHOLOGY OF DEATH & DYING (PC 378)

- Aries, P. (1982). The hour of our death (Five variations on four themes, pp 603-614). New York: Vintage Books.
- Corcos, A., & Krupka, L. (1983-84). How death came to mankind:

 Myths and legends. Omega: Journal of Death and Dying, 14,
 187-199.
- Nagy, M. (1948). The child's theories concerning death. Journal of Genetic Psychology, 73, 3-27.

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of the personality of the deceased on the development of concept of death in children. In R.A. Pacholski (Ed.),

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McMurtry, L. (1976). <u>Teams of endearment</u>. NY: New American Library. Mitford, J. (1963). <u>The American way of death</u>. NY: Simon & Schuster. Plath, S. (1971). <u>The bell jar</u>. NY: Harper & Row.



Percent of course grade

Tests (at 60 points for each of the 4 tests) = 48%

Homework assignments (60 points) = 12%

Small group discussions (60 points) 12%

Book reaction paper (40 points)

8%

PART II - LIBERAL STUDIES GOALS

- A. Intellectual Skills and Modes of Thinking
- A. 1. Death and dying involves many disciplines and thus synthesizes information from various sources. Through questions for reaction and discussion students are forced to critically evaluate their ideas and opinions. The complexity of the human reaction to dying, death and bereavement is detailed in the reading. It is hoped that students will formulate a philosophy(ies) that integrates the knowledge base with the student's personal history and individual personality and the social environment.
- A. 2. Writing and speaking are required through classroom discussions 1

outline) reflects this breadth. Many misconceptions and untrue assumptions are challenged through discussion and reading material. The knowledge base has grown substantially in the past 15 years. There are at least 3 scholarly journals devoted to thanatological topics: Death_Studies , Omega: Journal of Death & Dying , and Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior. As future consumers of various facets of our
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PART III - GENERAL CRITERIA FOR LIBERAL STUDIES

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