

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Death & Dying

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** PSY 1610

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** An introduction to how we view and cope with the concept and reality of death and dying, examining the psychological, social, and cultural responses. The course discusses all stages of death, including terminal illness, sudden death, the grieving process, and the importance of working through grief. Also, children of various ages and how they deal with death will be explored.

**Eligibility:** ENG 1510 without supports or **Corequisite:** ENG 1510 with supports.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of major concepts, models, and issues of at least one discipline in the social sciences.
  2. Demonstrate understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena, including observation, hypothesis development, measurement and data collection, experimentation, evaluation of evidence, and employment of mathematical interpretive analysis.
  3. Demonstrate knowledge of common institutions, practices, or policies, and how they have affected different social groups or individuals in society.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Cultural views of death
  - Stages of death and dying of Kubler-Ross
  - Various forms of denial of death
  - Living wills
  - Bereavement
  - Death at various stages of life
  - Spirituality and death
  - Support systems and death
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
    - [Civility Statement](#)
    - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
    - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
  - [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
  - [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
  - [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
  - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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  - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2021