This course allows students the opportunity to discuss a topic that we all contemplate but seldom talk about. Lectures and small-group discussions explore a wide-range of issues related to dying, death, and grieving including the development of attitudes toward death, the psychosocial context of dying today, the mental life of the dying person, hospice care, euthanasia, suicide, trauma, and adjustment to loss.

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Organization of the Course:

The course involves formal lectures, invited guests, film and video, and the opportunity for experiential learning. The required readings are central to the course. Topics to be considered are:

- the development of attitudes toward death and dying
- the psychosocial context of dying today
- euthanasia and end-of-life decisions
- AIDS
- hospice or palliative care
- suicide
: trauma and loss
: vicarious trauma

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