

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** PSYC 225

**Credit hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Loss and Death

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Textbook(s):** DeSpelder. *The Last Dance: Encountering Death and Dying*. McGraw-Hill Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor's course information syllabus.)

*The textbook came with Inclusive Access through McGraw-Hill since Spring 2019.*

**Course Description:** An exploration of the psychological and personal social processes, but not limited to implications of death. Topics are to include, terminal illness, autopsy and mortuary procedures, funerals, concepts regarding loss, grief reactions, loss through incest, loss of a child, and hospice care. Topics may vary from semester to semester.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the student will:

- A. recognize various aspects of loss and death;
- B. summarize the various aspects related to funeral preparation;
- C. examine the coroner's function as it relates to death;
- D. interpret the role of coroner in a community;
- E. identify feelings and attitudes related to life as well as assisting others in handling loss;
- F. utilize empathy and compassion in situations involving loss and death;
- G. differentiate between loss, grief, and bereavement.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

- 1. differentiate between the various theoretical perspectives of loss and death; (A) (E) (F) (G)
- 2. determine the responsibilities of a coroner's office; (A) (C) (D)
- 3. assess the functions and services of a funeral home. (B) (E)

**Course Requirements:** The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

*In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor's section syllabus.*

**Course Grading Scale:**

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 59% or below

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at

<http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

**Course Fees:** Inclusive Textbook fee of \$72.00 **\$75.60**

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