

Bossier Parish Community College
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix & 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.

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:

(The letter designations at the end of each semester refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 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.

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

Course Fees: None

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