

NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

SOC 247 - DEATH AND DYING (3 CR.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Studies theoretical, practical, and historical aspects of death. Focuses upon student's own ideas, feelings, and attitudes toward death and dying and the significance and consequences of those attitudes. Lecture 3 hours per week. SOC 246 and PSY 266 cannot both be taken for credit toward graduation.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

To provide the student with the history, theory, and practical applications of death and dying in American society.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

SOC 200 or SOC 201-202 or division permission.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- A. Discuss the sociological aspects of death and dying in American society and relate this to your own mortality.
- B. Discuss the process of dying and how this affects relationships between and among family members dealing with the process.
- C. Discuss the concept of Euthanasia and debate the pros and cons of this practice.
- D. Understand and be able to explain some of the legal concepts which relate to death.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED

- A. Death as a Concept
- B. Death as a Process
- C. Genocide
- D. Murder
- E. Abortion
- F. Death, Work, and the Stages of Dying
- G. Living Wills and Enduring Power of Attorney
- H. Hospice
- I. Euthanasia