

PM 290B-01; POLSC 290-01
Managing Death
Spring 2007

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Time and Location: 9-10:15 Tuesday-Thursday; Denny 212

Blackboard: COURSES > 07 MANAGING DEATH >

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Course scope: This course will investigate policy issues associated with various ongoing debates in the U.S. and around the world regarding the "*right to die*." Clinical and ethical issues associated with end-of-life decision making, constitutional law, and the culture of death and dying are some of the subjects we will cover as we take an interdisciplinary look at the management of death in America.

Reading journals: Each week you should submit a journal entry on Blackboard at the **Submit Work** button. Use the template provided on Blackboard at Submit Work. The key to doing well on journals is referencing important course-related themes discussed in class and linking them together in a thoughtful way.

Penalty points for late journal submissions:	Tuesday's after 9 am	-1 point	Friday	-4 points
	Wednesday	-2 points	Saturday	-5 points
	Thursday	-3 points	Sunday	-6 points, etc.

Professional journal project: You will be making an oral presentation in class based on two medical or legal journal articles related to the same subject, of your choosing (with my approval) during the final exam period. Grade will be based on a combination of (1) the appropriateness of the articles selected, (2) timeliness of submission (May 1), (3) quality of the pre-briefing (May 1), (4) quality of the oral presentation (May 7), and (5) quality of the 1-page summary (submitted on Blackboard by Monday, May 7 at 2 pm).

Class participation and professionalism: You are expected to attend every class and field trip. Attendance will be taken. This class will depend on discussion more than many classes taught at this level. Your participation grade will be largely determined by the quantity and quality of the contributions you make and the professionalism you exhibit, especially when guests are invited to present to the class. Note: If you have things that you would like to share, but do not feel comfortable doing so in class (or perhaps you simply did not get a chance to chime in) then feel free to send me an email outlining the point(s) you would have made, if able.

Readings

- Long Goodbye: The Deaths of Nancy Cruzan, WH Colby (Hay House; 2003)
- Final Exit: The Practicalities of Self-Deliverance and Assisted Suicide for the Dying (3rd Ed), D Humphrey (Delta; 2002)
- Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson, M Alborn (Broadway; 2002)
- Handbook for Mortals: Guidance for People Facing Serious Illness, J Lynn, R Carter (Oxford University Press; 2001)
- Managing Death, J Hoefler (Westview Press; 1997)
- Deathright: Culture, Medicine, Politics, and the Right to Die, J Hoefler (Westview Press; 1994). Note: This book is out of print. I have copies for some of you to share, There are also 2 copies available in the library: R726 .H56 1994
- Google news alert (daily): key words *right to die*

Field trips (attendance required)

- Carlisle Regional Medical Ctr ICU
- Cumberland County Nursing Home
- Hoffman-Roth Funeral Home

Guest speakers (possible)

- Greg Lewis, MD
- Rick Delgiorno, EMT
- Fay Girsch (conference call)
- Linda Smith, RN
- Sandy Morris, Chaplain
- Derek Humphrey (conference call)
- Joanne Lynne, MD (Dickinson '70; conference call)
- James Bopp, JD (conference call)
- Prof. Rob Gatter, JD
- Prof. Doug Edlin, JD, PhD

Grading

Reading journals (12 total)	Weekly (due on Tuesdays at 9 am)	30%
Exam #1	Thursday, March 8	20%
Exam #2	Thursday, April 26	20%
Professional journal project	Monday, May 7, 2-5 pm	20%
Class participation and professionalism	Each class	10%
Total		100%

Managing Death Calendar: Spring 2005

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
21	22	23 First class	24	25 DeathRight chs 1-2	26	27
28	29	30 Journal 1 DeathRight chs 3-4	31			

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
				1 DeathRight chs 5-6	2	3
4	5	6 Journal 2 DeathRight chs 7-9	7	8 Managing Death chs 1-2 Rob Gatter, JD	9	10
11	12	13 Journal 3 Managing Death chs 3-4	14	15 Managing Death chs 5-6	16	17
18	19	20 Journal 4 The Long Goodbye part I	21	22 The Long Goodbye part II Rick Delgiorno (EMT)	23	24
25	26	27 Journal 5 The Long Goodbye part II I Greg Lewis, MD	28			

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
				1 The Long Goodbye part IV	2	3
4	5	6 Journal 6 To be announced Bill Colby	7	8 Roll call; Exam #1	9	10
11	12	13 Spring break	14	15 Spring break	16	17
18	19	20 Journal 7 Handbook for Mortals chs 1-4	21	22 Handbook for Mortals chs 5-9 ICU trip: Martha Langren	23	24
25	26	27 Journal 8 Handbook for Mortals chs 10-16 Joanne Lynne, MD	28	29 Final Exit chs 1-17 Derek Humphrey	30	31

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Journal 9 Final Exit chs 18-27 Fay Girsch	4	5 Tuesdays with Morrie pp. 1-61 James Bopp, JD	6	7
8	9	10 Journal 10 Tuesdays with Morrie pp. 62-122 Cumberland County Nursing Home	11	12 Tuesdays with Morrie pp. 123-end Linda Smith (hospice)	13	14
15	16	17 Journal 11 Finalize presentation topics Hoffman-Roth Funeral Home	18	19 Debrief field visits, pre-brief Exam #2	20	21
22	23	24 Journal 12 (due at 9 am as per usual)	25	26 Exam #2	27	28
29	30	No class meeting today				

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Fri	Sat
		1 Bring hard copies of journal articles to class, short preview of final presentation	2	3 Last class	4	5
6	Monday, May 7: Final Exam period -- 2-5 pm					