

LOOKING FOR A SPRING COURSE?? WHAT'S A GOOD DEATH?



Approaches to Religion: Death and Dying with Professor Courtney Tepera

RELS 101-03

MWF 09:00 – 09:50 AM

RELS 101-04

MWF 11:00 – 11:50 AM

RELS 101-05

MWF 12:00 – 12:50 PM

This course is a comparative introduction to religion organized around the theme of death, soul concepts, and a variety of beliefs about life after death. In terms of culture areas, the theme will be internationalized by looking at a variety of model cultures: Native American in the United States; Hinduism and Buddhism in India; Judaism and Christianity in Europe and America; and Islam in the Middle East. The organization of the course starts with the culture areas and examine attitudes and religious beliefs in life after death among the religions of the world – this portion of the course will emphasize theories in comparative religions. The second part of the course will discuss modern issues surrounding the psychology of death, medicalized dying, and modern warfare, and the impact of those developments on our understanding of death and the practices surrounding it.