



PAST318/MINS410

Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss

Short Course Description

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Brief Introduction to the Paper

This paper explores the role of chaplains, ministers and other caregivers in situations of death, dying and loss, and the ways they can facilitate healthy grief.

Death, grief, and loss are vast topics, and touch on wisdom and insights from many different disciplines. In our reading, we will draw on research from healthcare, social sciences, and literature, as well as theology and pastoral care.

Participants will be encouraged to reflect on their own experiences of caring for people facing death, loss and grief, and critically analyse their own perspectives, roles and self-care needs.

Assessment

Assessment for this paper comprises compulsory written work, worth a total of 100% of the final mark. There is **no final examination** for this paper. The assessment comprises three written assignments. The assignments are the same for the PAST 318 and MINS 410 papers except for the fact that MINS410 students are given a higher word limit to enable them to demonstrate a higher level of academic research.

Teaching Schedule

The **distance class** will be taught through video-conferences, plus a teaching day. The video-conferences are 1 hr 50 mins in length. The teaching day is either in-person in Wellington, or online (depending on travel restrictions).

Timetable details are available at <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/> (See the hyperlinks under "Timetables", on the right hand side)

Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete PAST 318 will be able to:

- Describe a variety of situations that cause grief, including death, dying and other various kinds of losses
- Analyse patterns of healthy grief and complications to grief
- Analyse the role of chaplains, ministers and caregivers in situations involving death, loss and grief
- Analyse differences in grieving patterns in different cultures within New Zealand and articulate the implications for chaplains, ministers and other caregivers
- Articulate a personal theology of death, dying, grief and loss, informed by Christian theology
- Evaluate their own self-care needs in the face of caregiving after grief and loss

Students who successfully complete MINS 410 will be able to:

- Articulate and evaluate a variety of situations that cause grief, including death, dying and other various kinds of losses
- Critically analyse patterns of healthy grief and complications to grief
- Critically analyse the role of chaplains, ministers and caregivers in situations involving death, loss and grief
- Critically analyse differences in grieving patterns in different cultures within New Zealand and articulate the implications for chaplains, ministers and other caregivers
- Articulate a personal theology of death, dying, grief and loss, informed by Christian theology
- Critically analyse their own self-care needs in the face of caregiving after grief and loss.

For more information

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