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| Week 1: May 27–June 2 | Introduction to Death and Dying              | Chapters 1 and 2: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 1: Walsh  
Chapter 1: Irish et al. | Death Anxiety Scale  
Introductory Discussion                  |
| Week 2: June 3–9 | Cultural and Historical Perspectives; Culture: Your Culture | Chapter 3: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 8: Walsh  
Chapter 3: Irish et al.  
Supplemental Reading  
View: *Death and Dying in West Africa* | Reflective Assignment 1                             |
| Week 3: June 10–16 | Health Care: Patients, Staff, and Institutions; Culture: Native American | Chapter 5: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 3: Walsh  
Chapter 7: Irish et al.  
Supplemental Reading  
View: *What Really Matters* | Discussion 1                           |
| Week 4: June 17–23 | Services for the Dying; Culture: Hispanic and Latino Cultures | Chapter 7: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapters 12: Walsh  
Chapter 5: Irish et al.  
Supplemental Reading | Reflective Assignment 2 |
| Week 5: June 24–30 | Ethical Issues in Death and Dying; Culture: African and African American | Chapter 6: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 4: Irish et al.  
Supplemental Reading  
Listening: *What Difference Does it Really Make* | Discussion 2  
Midcourse Exam Review |
| Week 6: July 1–7  | The Business of Death and Dying; Culture: Japanese, Chinese and other Asian | Chapter 8: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 11: Walsh  
Chapter 6: Irish et al.  
Supplemental Reading | **Proctored Midcourse Exam**  
(Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri only) |
| Week 7: July 8–14 | Grief, Loss, and Bereavement; Culture: Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders | Chapter 9: DeSpelder and Strickland  
Chapter 7: Walsh  
Supplemental Reading  
View: *Grieving Hears from Hawaii, Liam Neeson on Grief, and We Don’t “Move on” From Grief* | Reflective Assignment 3 |
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| Week 8:        | Age-Specific Death; Culture: Christianity and Buddhism | Chapters 10 and 11: DeSpelder and Strickland  
 Chapters 4 and 5: Walsh  
 Chapter 9: Irish et al.  
 View: *We are Dying All Wrong* | Discussion 3                                                             |
| July 15–21     |                                             |                                                                          |                                      |
| Week 9:        | Understanding Issues Associated with Suicide and Other Traumatic Deaths; Culture: Judaism and Islam | Chapters 12 and 13: DeSpelder and Strickland  
 Chapter 10: Walsh  
 Chapters 8 and 10: Irish et al. | Reflective Assignment 4                                                      |
| July 22–28     |                                             |                                                                          |                                      |
| Week 10:       | Perspectives on Life after Death  
 Culture: Your Culture (revisited) | Chapters 14 and 15: DeSpelder and Strickland  
 Chapter 13: Walsh  
 Chapters 12 and 13: Irish et al. (optional)  
 View: *Beyond Death* | Final Paper  
 Discussion 4  
 Final Exam Review  
 Revisit Death Anxiety Scale |
| July 29–August 4 |                                           |                                                                          |                                      |
| Week 11:       |                                             |                                                                          |                                      |
| August 5–9     |                                             |                                                                          | **Proctored Final Exam**             |
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