



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Storia della Morte

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#### Aims

To reconstruct the history of death in western world and its relationship to the role of medical science.

To gain the consciousness of the social and educational fall-outs of different definitions of death.

To link medical science to so-called "humanities" in the face of the item of death.

#### Contents

A history of death and dying in Western World.

A history of definitions of "death" from Ancient Cultural until Harvard.

To die at home and in hospital: a cultural and anthropological change.

The doctor and the man facing death: roles, acts, rites and words.

Facing death; humanities and medicine facing each other.

#### Detailed program

- Death in ancient civilisations

- Death in Middle Ages
- The turn of XVII century: to die in hospital
- XXth century and the taboo of death and dying
- To die to-day

**Prerequisites**

None

**Teaching form**

Speech and debate.

Case Analysis.

Role-playing.

**Textbook and teaching resource****Semester****Assessment method**

Oral exam

**Office hours**

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