# PROPOSAL SUMMARY AND ROUTING FORM

**Proposal Title:** PSYC 345: Psychology of Death and Dying

**Initiating Unit or Individual:** Psychology  
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**Date or Term of Proposal Implementation:** Fall 2011

- [ ] Group I - A – New degree/major or major, redirection of a current offering, or elimination of a degree, major or minor
- [ ] Group I - B – New minors or concentrations
- [ ] Group II - A – Minor curriculum clean-up and course changes
- [x] Group II - B – New Course
- [ ] Group III - Certificates
- [ ] Group IV – Off-Campus Programs

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* Support with Concerns or Not Support must include a list of specific concerns. Votes must be shown for faculty groups. Administrators check appropriate action taken.

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**To be completed by Academic Affairs**

President (Date Approved)  
Board of Trustees (Date Approved)  
President's Council (Date Approved)

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PROVOST
1. Proposal Summary
(Summary is generally less than one page. Briefly: state what is proposed with a summary of rationale and highlights.
Additional rationale may be attached.)

This course will focus on issues related to death and dying. Some of the topics that will be covered are: coping with loss and grief, different cultural approaches to death and funeral practices, hospice movement, suicide, developmental perspectives on death (children, adolescents and elderly). The course will explore psychological issues and concepts related to death in our culture and therapeutic approaches that are used throughout history.

I have taught this course two times as an experimental course. So far, the response has been very positive. Many students from different majors (nursing, health care, mortuary science, etc.) are interested in taking the class.

2. Summary of All Course Action Required*

a. Newly Created Courses to FSU:
Prefix Number Title
PSYC 345 Psychology of Death and Dying

b. Courses to be Deleted From FSU Catalog:
Prefix Number Title

c. Existing Course(s) to be Modified:
Prefix Number Title

d. Addition of existing FSU courses to program
Prefix Number Title

e. Removal of existing FSU courses from program
Prefix Number Title
3. Summary of All Consultations

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4. Will External Accreditation be Sought? (For new programs or certificates only)

__________ Yes ___________ No

If yes, name the organization involved with accreditation for this program.

5. Program Checksheets affected by this proposal.

PSYC 345 will be added to the checksheet as a “Major-Directed Elective.”
GENERAL EDUCATION APPROVAL FORM

Form G plus justification of the General Education designation being sought must be sent to the General Education Coordinator (preferably electronically). The criteria for each designation can be found FSU General Education website: http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/academics/gened/gened.html

Upon review, the form below will be completed by the University General Education Committee for the courses that will meet General Education requirements. The form must be included in the proposal packet.

Course Prefix: PSYC  Course Number: 345

Course Title: Psychology of Death and Dying  G. E. Codes Requested: S

G.E. Codes: G=Global Consciousness; R=Race/ethnicity/Gender Issues; S=Social Awareness; C=Cultural Enrichment; W=Writing intensive; Z=Scientific Understanding

_initiator:_Dr. Meral Topcu  _Date Sent:_ 20/23/2011
Proposal Contact: Dr. Meral Topcu  Email: meraltopcu@ferris.edu
Department: Social Sciences  Campus Address: ASC 2108

University General Education Committee:
Chair: Dr. Fred Heck  Date Returned: ____

Based upon University General Education Committee review on March 30, 2011, we

△ Support the request to designate the course listed above as a S (insert Gen. Ed. Designation(s).)

☐ Do not support the request to designate the course listed above as a ______ (insert Gen. Ed. Designation(s) for reasons listed below.

Comments:

______
I. ACTION TO BE TAKEN: CREATE A NEW COURSE

Notes
1. Complete each item in Section I and Section II.
2. If this course is to be used as a prerequisite for other university courses, Form Fs that reflect the prerequisite change must be submitted for those courses as well.

Term Effective (6 digit code only): 201108 Examples: 200801(Spring), 200805(Summer), 200808(Fall)
Note: The first four digits indicate year, the next two digits indicate month in which term begins.

II. PROPOSED FOR NEW COURSE: Complete all sections a through r. See manual for clarification.

a. Course Prefix: PSYC
b. Number: 345

c. Enter Contact Hours per week in boxes.
   Lecture: 3
   Lab: [ ]
   Independent Study – Check (x) [ ]
   Practicum: [ ]
   Seminar: [ ]

d. Course Title: Psychology Death and Dying (Limit to 30 characters/spaces.)

e. College Code: AS
f. Department Code: SOSC
Credit Hours: Check (x) type and enter maximum and minimum hours in boxes.

g. Type: [ ] Variable  X Fixed
h. Minimum Credit Hours: 3
i. Maximum Credit Hours: 3

j. May Be Repeated for Added Credit: Check (x) [ ] Yes  X No

k. Levels: Check (x)  X Undergraduate [ ] Graduate [ ] Professional

l. Grade Method: Check (x)  X Normal Grading
   [ ] Credit/No Credit only (Pass/Fail)

m. Does proposed new course replace an equivalent course? Check (x) [ ] Yes  X No

n. Equivalent course: Prefix N/A
   Number [ ]
   See instructions on Replacement courses.

o. CATALOG DESCRIPTION – Limit to 75 words – PLEASE BE CONCISE.
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p. Term(s) Offered: FALL, ODD YEARS (See instructions for listing.)
q. Max. Section Enrollment: 40

r. Prerequisites/Co-requisites/Restrictions: (If none, leave blank.) Limited to 100 spaces. PSYC 150 or Instructor permission.

UGC Chair Signature/Date: 2/28/11
Academic Affairs Approval Signature/Date: 3/19/11

To be completed by Academic Affairs Office: - Standard & Measures Coding and General Education Code
[ ] Basic Skill (BS) [ ] General Education (GE) [ ] Occupational Education (OC) 5 [ ] G.E. Codes

Office of the Registrar use ONLY

Date Rec’d:  Date Completed:  Entered: SCACRS, SCADTL, SCARRES, SCAPREQ