

<b>Course Title</b>	:	<b>Life and Death</b> 生與死
<b>Course Code</b>	:	<b>GEF 1002</b>
<b>Department</b>	:	<b>IELL</b>

### **Synopsis**

This course will explore issues of life and death from philosophical, ethical, psychological and religious perspectives. With those intellectual inputs, students would be inspired to develop their ways to understand related ethical issues and outlooks of life. We shall study life and death issues through, visual images around us, personal histories, different cultural traditions, significant historical incidents of death, the technological advances in 'improving' human lives, kinds of suicide, notions of 'euthanasia' and 'palliative care', etc. With those inputs, students are expected to reflect 'life and death' from different levels (personal, social, spiritual/religious) of meaning. This course could be regarded as an important intellectual entry for university students and prospective teachers to face the meaning of human existence and ethical concerns of life and death. The course will also organize some visits like, to cemetery, mortuary, gross anatomy, hospital, funeral service, etc. Those visits might sensitize students to integrate their direct visit experience to levels of theoretical reflections, and to be aware of and prevent themselves from the possibility of apathy of 'regarding to pain of the others' (Susan Sontag, 2003).