

## Meredith Ellis

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**From:** Ann Branaman  
**Sent:** Monday, October 1, 2018 12:21 PM  
**To:** Meredith Ellis  
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Hi Meredith,

Sociology has no objection to this course. Yes, the course we do have on the books is the Sociology of Aging and Dying. We did recently have a visiting faculty member who taught Death and Dying as a special topics course; but even if we had this course on the books, I do not think it would overlap much with your proposed course.

Thanks for inquiring.

Best,  
Ann

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**From:** Meredith Ellis  
**Sent:** Monday, October 1, 2018 12:12 PM  
**To:** Ann Branaman <branaman@fau.edu>  
**Subject:** Course conflict?

Dear Dr. Branaman,

My name is Meredith Ellis, and I'm an Assistant Professor in Anthropology. I brought one of my new courses to UPC today, the Anthropology of Death, and a concern was raised that it might be in conflict with a course in your department. The course mentioned was the Sociology of Death and Dying, but I don't see such a course on your records. I think perhaps the person meant the Sociology of Aging and Dying? In any case, would you and your department be willing to examine my course and, if there is no overlap of major significant, send a note saying as much? If there is overlap, please do let me know as well. I apologize for not reaching out ahead of time—I hadn't realized that your department had anything similar.

The syllabus for my course is attached. It is an three-field theory course that looks at cross cultural practices of dealing with bodies of the deceased. We look through cultural lenses, archaeological lenses, and bioarchaeological lenses. I'd be happy to share any additional information you may need to evaluate whether this course would cause any problems for your course.

Thank you for your time, and my apologies again for not reaching out sooner.

Best Wishes  
Meredith

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