

# MARIAN UNIVERSITY



## Thanatology

Loss, grief, and bereavement are part of everyone's life. Assisting and supporting individuals and families confronting end-of-life, bereavement and non-death loss takes dedication, compassion, and empathy. It also takes an in-depth knowledge of psychological, spiritual, social, and cultural elements that impact death and grieving.

Marian University has designed an interdisciplinary Thanatology program that studies death, dying, loss, and grief. The Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Thanatology programs are designed to prepare individuals for employment as direct-service professionals in hospices, hospitals, funeral homes, faith communities, non-profit organizations, and more. The programs combine a core curriculum grounded in evidence-based thanatology theory, research, practice, and applied ethics with study across the spectrum of end-of-life studies.

Programs are offered 100% online and have three start dates per year;  
January, May, and September.

For more information visit [www.marianuniversity.edu/thanatology](http://www.marianuniversity.edu/thanatology)

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**100% online  
classes** and  
rolling admission

## Marian Convenience

Marian offers a rolling admission with three start dates per year; January, May, and September. Programs are offered 100% online providing you the convenience to work at your pace when and where it is most convenient.

## The Marian Difference

As a leader in Thanatology education we provide you with an interdisciplinary approach to topics by faculty who are recognized leaders within their field. You'll benefit from their personalized instruction, professional experience, and continued research.

## Curriculum

### Core Curriculum

THA 605	Foundations of Thanatology*
THA 615	Bereavement Theory and Practice*
THA 625	Cultural Perspectives in Thanatology*
THA 630	Thanatology Research Methods
THA 640	Applied Ethics and the End of Life*
THA 795	Applied Thanatology Capstone

### Electives

*Requirements: 18 elective credits for the degree and 6 elective credits for the certificate*

THA 705	Death in the Lives of Children and Teens
THA 710	Understanding Suicide
THA 715	Grief after Traumatic Death
THA 720	Children, Teens, and Suicide
THA 725	Bereavement Program Development
THA 735	Palliative and Hospice Care
THA 740	Aging and Thanatology
THA 745	Spiritual Formation and Thanatology
THA 750	Grief in the Military
THA 755	Death and the Literary Imagination
THA 760	Victimology
THA 765	Complicated Grief

*\* Courses comprise the core curriculum for the Graduate Certificate. Certificate programs are not eligible for federal financial aid.*