

Hello and welcome to this course on Global Trends in Death and Dying.

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I hope you're going to enjoy this module. It won't take long, around an hour and a half in total.

We're going to ask questions about death, in a global context:

**What is death like in different parts of the world?
What causes these differences?**

We're going to think about the social factors which influence health, and take a critical look at how these 'social determinants' of health relate to death.

There are many causes of death, and many circumstances in which to die:

What are the major causes of death around the world? How do we know what these are?

Are these patterns of death and dying changing?

And if they are changing, why is that?

We'll try to find the answers to these questions and more in this module, so let's go back to the text now and start learning.