Of course, I'd be happy to help you with your course. Here is the text from the document you provided:

**840:112 DEATH & AFTERLIFE : 01**  
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**IN-CALL MEETINGS:**  
1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/11, 4/8, 4/15, 4/29

**ONLINE EXAMS:**  
2/24-25, 4/11-12, 5/12-13

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**Requirements:**

There will be three ONLINE EXAMS during the semester. No makeup tests will be given without prior notification and documentation of conflict.

**ONLINE FORUMS**

Due dates for posting: 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25

Each student is required to post once during these 2-week periods. Your assignment will be to comment on a YouTube video from the Sakai website that relates to the unit of study we are in at that time. You may select from a variety of videos. Your comment should take the form of a “movie review.”

**GRADE CALCULATION**

Class attendance and Forum participation = 25%

Tests = 25% each (total 75%)

**TEXTBOOKS** (required reading):
Lucy Bregman, ed., *Death and Dying in World Religions*
*H. Obayashi, ed., *Death and Afterlife: Perspectives of World Religions*

*NOTE: Selected chapters will be posted online*

**COURSE SCHEDULE:**

**UNIT I—Early Concepts and Practices**

1. *Death and Reincarnation Among the Early Races and Indigenous peoples*
- Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal burial
- Animism and Death
- Indigenous People
  Required reading: Bregman, chap. 11 pages 153-159

2. **Death and Afterlife in Ancient Egypt and Near East**
   - Mesopotamian (Babylonian) Concept of the Underworld
   - Mummification
   - Egyptian Notions of the Soul
   - Zoroastrian Funeral Rites
   Required Reading: Bregman, Chap. 1
   Obayashi Chap. 3
   *Online handout: see “resources” for Zoroastrian chapter*

3. **Death and Immortality in Greek Thought**
   - Greek Mythology and Tragedy
   - Socrates
   - Plato
   Required reading: Bregman, Chap. 2

UNIT II – Western Religious Concepts and Practices

4. **The Biblical Understanding of Death and Resurrection – The Hebrew Outlook**
   - Pre-Exilic concept of Death and the Underworld
   - Eschatology
   - Apocalypticism
   - Messianic Kingdom
   - Individual and Corporate Resurrection
   Required reading: Bregman Chap. 3
   Obayashi Chap. 5

5. **The Christian Answer to Death**
   - Crucifixion and Resurrection
   - The Kingdom of God
   - The Eternality of Human Personhood
   - Immortality or Resurrection
   Required reading: Bregman, Chaps. 4 & 5, Chap. 11, pages 159-164
   Obayashi, Chap. 8
6. *Islamic Images of the Afterlife*

- Seven Levels of Heaven and Hell
- *Isra*’ and *barzakh*
  
  Required reading: Bregman, Chap. 6

UNIT III – Eastern Religious Concepts and Practices

7. *Death and Reincarnation in India*

- The Land of the Fathers
- Karma Reincarnation
- The Ultimate Fate of the Soul
  
  Required reading: Bregman, chap. 7
  Obayashi, chap. 10

8. *Death in Buddhist Thought*

- Buddhist Interpretation of “Reincarnation”
- “Nothingness” and “Extinction”
  
  Required reading: Bregman, chap. 8
  Obayashi, chap. 12

9. *Death and Afterlife in China and Japan*

- Ancient Chinese Concepts of the Soul—Hun and P’o
- Taoist Cult of Immortality
- Shintoism and Deification
  
  Required reading: Bregman, chap. 9