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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

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- Western University Student Success: Find Work: www.westernuniversity.ca/student-success/find-work
- Pillar Non Profit for London Region Opportunities: www.pillarnonprofit.ca/jobs

**WHAT IS THANATOLOGY?**

Thanatology literally means the study of death. However, it also incorporates many aspects of the human experience that involves loss and grief. Grappling with loss is an essential aspect of being human; the losses that we experience help us to learn, grow, and deepen our appreciation of life. While Thanatology may be about the study of death, it is also about understanding that life is a precious gift, and every moment matters.

**EXPERIENCE GUIDE**

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Thanatology program at King’s is the only program of its kind in the world. This program explores the many different areas of life and experience that can be affected or shaped by loss, change, and transition. The Thanatology program offers academic experiences that are offered through the various courses instead of a close exploration of how individuals, communities, and government agencies address death and grief. Students have opportunities to explore theoretical, experiential learning, online learning, and community placements, all of which provide a multifaceted and integrated learning opportunity. The undercurrent of the program is placed in the exploration of death as a limited resource and change as a constant companion. You will embrace the integration of death and grief throughout your degree.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
The academic and practical learning that takes place in the Thanatology program will prepare students in both the personal and professional spheres of their lives. Students who complete a Thanatology degree will have a deep understanding of the role of change, loss, and transition in everyday life. Their knowledge, insights, and experiences are especially valuable in careers in health, care service roles, as well as education and policy development for vulnerable populations. On completion of a degree in Thanatology, students will have the following knowledge, skills, and experience:

ABOUT A PLACE TO BE

THINK
Imagine, Create

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