Course No., Hours, and Title: MSFS 101-3 Section 1

Lecture: MWF 1:00-1:50 PM, ASA Room 14

Program Mission Statement: The mission of the Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program is to challenge students to achieve academic and professional excellence; prepare students to acquire entry level positions in the funeral service profession; provide quality instruction and stay current with trends of the profession; cultivate and maintain excellent relations with local, state, and national organizations; enhance university and community relations; and work toward the continued improvement of the Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program as an ongoing process.

Course Description: Students will trace the history of funeral services from ancient times through practices with emphasis on the development of funeral practices in the United States. Students study the customs of various cultures throughout the world including customs in the United States. They will demonstrate knowledge of funeral service organizations and will discuss topical areas of current discussion.

Prerequisite To: MSFS 108

Course Objectives:

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

1. Recognize the significance of historical funeral practices to contemporary funeral service.
2. Gain a thorough knowledge of the development of Funeral Service Education
3. Recognize the importance of interprofessional relationships and responsibilities
4. Trace the origins of mortuary behavior from pre-Christian times until today.
5. Have an active vocabulary of words, concepts, and terms that have significance for the practicing funeral director.
6. Describe the major contributions to funerary behavior of various cultures (epochs).
7. Discuss and describe the status of the funeral today and all that it entails.
8. Recognize, distinguish and describe the various funeral service organizations functioning today.
9. Demonstrate the moral and ethical conduct deemed necessary by various funeral service associations.
10. Understand the development of funeral practices in the United States.

Textbooks (Required):

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Office Hours:   MF 8-10
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Grading:

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A=90-100%
B=80-89%
C=70-79%
F=69% or below

Attendance:

Class attendance is mandatory and will be taken at the beginning of each class period. Students are expected to attend class and be punctual, showing up late will be regarded as an absence. 40 points of the final grade is made up of attendance, which may include quizzes if attendance is poor. Attending class means staying awake, paying attention, not interrupting class, not doing other class work and not disturbing the instructor or other students. Failure to follow any of these guidelines will result in dismissal from that class session and loss of attendance.

Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency. The building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

Time of scheduled final exam:  Fri., Dec 12:00-1:45pm

Note: Changes may be made to this syllabus during the semester, at the discretion of the instructor as needed.