COURSE NO., HOURS, AND TITLE:  MSFS 364 – Cremation in Funeral Services

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: The Cremation curriculum focuses on the important considerations when working with those that choose cremation as a form of disposition. This includes proper identification, legal authorization, use of third party crematories, required forms, cremation containers, containers for cremated deceased, cremation merchandise, services in conjunction with cremation, arranging for disposition of cremated deceased, shipping cremated deceased, FTC Compliance, and the history of cremation.

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

1. Discuss the historical significance of cremation.

2. Identify the primary consideration for funeral directors working with those interested in cremation as a method of disposition.

3. Describe the importance of legislative and regulatory compliance.

4. Describe considerations recommended when using third party crematories.

5. Explain the importance of using appropriate paperwork to document cremation related decisions, including forms required by state and local agencies and those designed for legal protection.

6. Distinguish between cremation containers, containers for cremated deceased, and other related merchandising options.

7. Explain the specific elements of the FTC Funeral Rule that applies to cremation.

8. Identify services and trends in conjunction with cremation.

9. Describe options for proper disposition of cremated deceased including legal restrictions and local customs.

10. Demonstrate understanding of requirements for shipping cremated deceased.

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TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Topics
I. Cremation History
II. Preparation of Remains
III. Required Authorizations
IV. Final Disposition of Cremated Remains
V. Third Party Crematories
VI. Crematory Operations
VII. Cremation Containers
VIII. Containers for Cremated Remains
IX. Cremation and FTC Compliance
X. The Arrangement Conference
XI. Trends and Statistics

LECTURE:
Online

TEXTBOOK:

Quizzes and Tests:
The Class will be broken down into the first halves. The first half material will be posted on D2L and will be covered in a midterm exam. The midterm exam will be posted and will have an open and closed date and time. After the Midterm I will post the second half of the class that will be covered on your second exam. The second exam will be posted and will have an open and closed date and time. Your final will cover all of the material of the class. The Final exam will be posted and will have an open and closed date and time.

Late assignments, tests and quizzes will not be accepted, and you will receive a zero. Be sure to check your e-mail on a regular basis. You can e-mail me with any questions you might have and I will get an e-mail back to you as soon as possible. If an assignment is sent to you that is not posted to D2L, and you do not do it or do not turn it in the day it is due, you will not receive credit for the assignment. Each assignment will be due at the when stated in the instructions.

A=92-100%
B=83-91%
C=75-82%
F=74% or below

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on BERT’s website at www.bert.siu.edu, Department of Public Safety’s website www.dps.siu.edu (disaster drop down) and in the Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.

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.

NOTE: Modification or additions to this syllabus may be made by the instructor, as needed.