

COURSE SYLLABUS

LAST REVIEW	Spring 2021
COURSE TITLE	Mortuary Law
COURSE NUMBER	MTSC 0105
DIVISION	Health Professions
DEPARTMENT	Mortuary Science
CIP CODE	12.0301
CREDIT HOURS	3
CONTACT HOURS/WEEK	Class: 3
PREREQUISITES	None
COURSE PLACEMENT	This course is part of a selective admission program. Students must be admitted to the Mortuary Science program to enroll in this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The subject area guidelines for Mortuary Law are designed to introduce the student to sources of law; the legal status of the dead human body; the duty of burial, right to control funeral arrangements and final disposition and liability for funeral expenses; torts involving the dead human body and the funeral director; wills, estates and probate proceedings; cemeteries and issues related thereto; state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to funeral service; and the legal aspects of being a licensed funeral director/mortician.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with families and communities they serve.
2. Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
3. Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
4. Apply principals of public health and safety in handling and preparation of human remains.
5. Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
6. Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangements conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
7. Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
8. Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
9. Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.

10. Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.

TEXTBOOKS

<http://kckccbbookstore.com/>

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

Section One

- I. Law in general
- II. Contract
- III. Sales
- IV. Bailments
- V. Commercial paper
- VI. Agency and employment
- VII. Business organization
- VIII. Risk bearing devices

Section Two

- I. Mortuary Law
- II. Probate Law
- III. State statutes, rules, and regulations pertaining to funeral service

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will:

- A. Define law.
- B. Describe the different sources of law.
- C. Define contracts
- D. Define agreement.
- E. Explain consideration in contracts.
- F. Define estoppel in contracts.
- G. Identify a valid oral contract.
- H. Identify a unilateral contract.
- I. Design a unilateral contract.
- J. Explain an bilateral contract.
- K. Define parole evidence rule.
- L. Define the different types of properties.
- M. Identify the different types of bailments.
- N. Define commercial paper.

- O. Describe what an agency is.
- P. Identify the different types of ownerships.
- Q. Define mortuary law.
- R. Define dead human body.
- S. Explain the duty of disposition with right of disposition.
- T. Define probate law
- U. Discuss the role of the State Boards of funeral service.
- V. Explain the operation of a funeral home which would be in compliance with all Applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

ASSESSMENT OF COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student progress is evaluated through both formative and summative assessment methods. Specific details may be found in the instructor's course information document.

COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Student Handbook

<https://www.kckcc.edu/files/docs/student-resources/student-handbook-and-code-of-conduct.pdf>

College Catalog

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

College Policies and Statements

<https://www.kckcc.edu/about/policies-statements/index.html>

Accessibility and Accommodations

<https://www.kckcc.edu/academics/resources/student-accessibility-support-services/index.html>.