

# MS - MORTUARY SCIENCE

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## **MS 3100 Thanatochemistry Cr. 2**

Discussion, problem solving, and application of general inorganic, organic and biochemistry to postmortem changes, biologic preservation, and embalming chemistry. Course includes a problem-based laboratory and case studies with correlations to embalming chemistry. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** CHM 1000 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

## **MS 3300 Religions, Values, and Death Cr. 2**

Various religious, secular, and philosophical views regarding the value of life, the meaning of death, and life after death. Offered Winter.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science, BS in Pathologist Assistant or PBC in Forensic Investigation programs.

## **MS 3400 Funeral Service Law and Ethics I Cr. 3**

Business law and legal environment affecting funeral service. Introduction to American legal system, court structure, and civil & criminal procedure. Contract law, property law and UCC Articles 2, 3, and 9. Survey of tort law. Discussion and problems based on the ethical responsibilities of funeral practitioners Offered Winter.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

## **MS 3410 Funeral Service Law and Ethics II Cr. 3**

Legal principles affecting funeral service including legal status of a deceased, rights and responsibilities affecting disposition, licensing laws, regulatory compliance, preneed and probate law. Funeral service torts and discussion and problems on due diligence, best practices, and ethical responsibilities of funeral practitioners. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3400 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$60

## **MS 3500 Embalming I Cr. 2**

Theories, practices, and techniques of biologic preservation and disinfection of human remains; case analyses; methods of application of embalming chemicals; use of instruments and equipment; special case embalming. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$200

## **MS 3510 Embalming II Cr. 2**

Dynamics of decomposition; influence of disease and its treatment on the embalming process; public health considerations; anatomical embalming; disaster response. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3500 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$200

## **MS 3600 Restorative Art I Cr. 3**

Theories, methods, and techniques used in the restoration of superficial tissues and features. Color theory, cosmetology, facial proportions, skin tones correlated with reconstruction. Clay and wax modeling. Case studies in restorative art. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$50

## **MS 3610 Restorative Art II Cr. 2**

Continuation of MS 3600. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3600 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$35

## **MS 3620 Preparation for Disposition Cr. 2**

Preparing the decedent for disposition, including handling of personal effects, refrigeration, container selection, identification viewing, dressing, transportation and special ceremonial preparation. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3610 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$200

## **MS 3760 Funeral Service History and Trends Cr. 2**

Basic human need to memorialize the dead, examined throughout history. Funeralization as a process affected by social and religious change. The funeral service professional in a socio-temporal context. Possible future practices based on understanding of historical records and current trends. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

## **MS 3800 Funeral Directing Cr. 3**

Funeral service operations. Practical applications including field trips. Funeral service process from first call to final disposition. Terminology, government regulations, ethics, professional conduct, vital statistics records, necessary forms. Religious, ethnic, fraternal and military variations. Computer technologies and applications. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$80

## **MS 3810 Funeral Service Marketing and Merchandising Cr. 3**

Marketing, merchandising, public relations, pre-need planning, personnel management, job-seeking skills, licensing requirements; planning, building and establishing of funeral home. Government regulations. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3800 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$80

## **MS 3830 Psychology of Death and Dying Cr. 3**

Various social and cultural perspectives; psychosocial changes related to death, dying, and disposition; special cases: sudden, violent or unexpected death. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

## **MS 3840 Funeral Service Applications Cr. 3**

Case studies involving discussion and analysis of National Board Examination (NBE) subject matter application to funeral service practice. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

## **MS 3970 Practicum I Cr. 3**

Student placement in licensed funeral service facility to acquire practical experience in basic funeral service skills. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$30

**MS 3980 Practicum II Cr. 3**

Continuation of the Practicum I course. Students are placed in a licensed funeral service facility to acquire practical experience in advanced funeral service skills. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3970 with a minimum grade of P

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$30

**MS 4000 Practicum III Cr. 3**

Continuation of the Practicum II course. Students are placed in a licensed funeral service facility to acquire practical experience in advanced funeral service skills and evaluation of clinical embalming competency. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Prerequisite:** MS 3970 with a minimum grade of P and MS 3980 with a minimum grade of P

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**MS 4010 Forensic Laboratory Standards Cr. 3**

The forensic lab, its organization, accreditation, and regulation; quality control, safety, and documentation; discussion and demonstration of methods for collection and processing of specimens. Specimen extraction techniques and analyte-specific analytical instrumentation used in forensic laboratory. Basis for the forensic logic tree. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Forensic Invest and Policing or Forensic Investigation.

**MS 4011 Interview and Interrogation Techniques Cr. 3**

Appropriate and effective techniques for conducting interviews in forensic investigations. Effective and efficient techniques for interviewing witnesses and interrogating defendants. Legal issues surrounding investigations; strategies in gathering information and obtaining confessions. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Forensic Invest and Policing or Forensic Investigation.

**MS 4050 Anatomy for Mortuary Science Cr. 2**

Detailed systemic study of human anatomy. Laboratory work consists of demonstrations and selected dissections; emphasis on vascular anatomy and adjacent structural relationships; anatomic guides. Material Fee As Indicated In The Schedule of Classes. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$30

**MS 4200 Introduction to Forensic Anatomic Pathology Cr. 3**

Role of medical examiner, early signs of death, medical investigation of cause of death, methods for identification of remains, medicolegal aspects of forensic science, toxicology specimen techniques, legal issues in anatomic/forensic pathology. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Pathologist Assistant or PBC in Forensic Investigation programs; enrollment limited to students in the Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

**MS 4250 Pathology and Microbiology for Mortuary Science Cr. 3**

Discussion and application of pathogenic microbial agents; host-parasite relationships; disinfection-decontamination; immunology; epidemiology of infectious disease; and public health issues. Basic study of disease states and processes that may negatively impact restorative art efforts or the success of preservation through embalming. Lecture and problem-based laboratory/case studies. Offered Fall.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**MS 4450 Funeral Service Management and Accounting Cr. 3**

Financial aspects of starting and operating a funeral business; basic accounting principles; dealings with fellow professionals and government agencies. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**MS 4600 Clinical Forensic Pathology Cr. 3-5**

Assisting pathologist in determining cause of death; basic methods for identifying remains with regard to age, sex, and race; techniques of photographic record keeping. Offered Every Term.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students with a class of Senior; enrollment limited to students in the BS in Pathologist Assistant or PBC in Forensic Investigation programs.

**Fees:** \$30

**MS 5010 Forensic Analysis Cr. 2**

New developments in the forensic laboratory; current areas of research and potential applications. Forensic logic trees and forensic case applications; novel techniques in crime scene investigation and analysis. Offered Winter.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Forensic Invest and Policing or Forensic Investigation.

**MS 5011 Forensic Investigation of Firearms, Ballistics, and Explosives Cr. 4**

Introduction to firearm operation, identification, ballistics and explosive materials and devices from the perspective of forensic evaluation. Principles of forensic evidence collection and analysis discussed in lab. Offered in collaboration with Bioengineering Center Ballistic Research Laboratory. Offered Winter.

**Prerequisite:** MS 4010 with a minimum grade of C or MS 6010 with a minimum grade of C

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Forensic Invest and Policing or Forensic Investigation.

**Fees:** \$40

**MS 5350 Funeral Service Communications Cr. 1**

Survey of professional communication in funeral service, including: verbal and non-verbal communication strategies, email and written communication, principles of customer service, public relations, networking, conflict resolution, workplace and professional expectations. Offered Winter.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**MS 5550 Special Topics in Mortuary Science Cr. 1**

Lectures and discussions; invited speakers on current topics in the profession. Topics to be announced in Schedule of Classes. Offered Yearly.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science or PBC in Forensic Investigation programs.

**Repeatable for 3 Credits**

**MS 5990 Directed Study Cr. 3**

Library and/or laboratory study of current or pending professional development; study of an existing problem, study or development of new procedures or techniques. Assigned project under the guidance of departmental/program faculty member. Offered Every Term.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science or PBC in Forensic Investigation programs.

**Repeatable for 9 Credits**

**MS 5996 Professional Review Cr. 3**

A comprehensive review and assessment in preparation for the National Board Examination consisting of assigned questions and in-class discussion and assessment, culminating in the Practice National Board Examination. Students receive a grade of Y at the conclusion of the course and have 30 days to take the National Board Examination after completion of the Mortuary Science professional coursework. Offered Spring/Summer.

**Restriction(s):** Enrollment limited to students in the BS in Mortuary Science program.

**Fees:** \$100