

Cape Cod Community College

Departmental Syllabus

Prepared by the Department of Funeral Service

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1. **Course Number:** FSR294
Course Title: Regulatory Compliance for Funeral Service
2. **Description:** This course explores principles and practices of United States jurisprudence as applied to funeral service professional practice and business operations. Sources of law, legal status of the dead human body, duty of burial, right to control funeral arrangements, final disposition, liability for funeral expenses; torts involving the dead human body and the funeral director; wills, estate, and probate proceedings; cemeteries; state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to funeral service; and the legal duties of a licensed funeral director/embalmer are examined.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes** (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - Explain the American system of jurisprudence.
 - Distinguish between torts and crimes, and breach of contracts.
 - Explain the requirements of a valid contract.
 - Apply the Uniform Commercial Code regarding the sale of goods.
 - Identify the requirements for negotiable instruments.
 - Identify the basic forms of business organization.
 - Identify and explain the legal issues regarding agencies.
 - Identify the characteristics related to bailments.
 - Identify legal relationships, rights, duties and liabilities between the funeral director and/or embalmer, the dead body, and the consumer.
 - Analyze the concept of liability as it applies to funeral service
 - Identify the federal and state laws, rules and regulations affecting funeral service.
 - Use the various documents which are required in funeral service.
 - Recognize situations when legal and other professional services are required for end of life planning and estate administration.
4. **Credit(s):** 3 Credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** No
6. **Prerequisite(s):** BUS100 (Introduction to Business)
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Quizzes, examinations, written assignments, projects/presentations
9. **General Topical Outline** (Optional):
 - Mortuary Law
 - Business Law
 - Business Law and Funeral Service
 - Cremation Standards for Funeral Service Professionals
 - Mortuary Law and Cremation
 - Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Funeral Service