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COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
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MASTER SYLLABUS

FSAD 420 – Current Issues in Funeral Services

CIP Code:

(12.0302) Funeral Direction/Services

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**School of Science, Health and Criminal Justice
FUNERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
Fall 2024**

A. TITLE: **Current Issues in Funeral Services**

B. COURSE NUMBER: FSAD 420

C. CREDIT HOURS (Hours of Lecture, Laboratory, Recitation, Tutorial, Activity):

Credit Hours: **3**

Lecture Hours 3 per Week

Lab Hours 0 Week

Other 0 per Week

Course Length: 15 Weeks

D. WRITING INTENSIVE COURSE: **YES**

E. GER CATEGORY: None

F. SEMESTER(S) OFFERED: Fall and Spring

G. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a writing intensive course and upon completion, the student will create a baccalaureate paper on a current funeral service issue. This paper will consist of a breadth, depth, and application section and upon completion will reflect a thorough analytical understanding of the topic, complete with personal and professional reflections.

H. PRE-REQUISITES: Senior status in the FSAD program.

CO-REQUISITES: none

I. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

| Student Learning Outcome [SLO] | Program Student Learning Outcomes [PSLO] | Institutional Student Learning Outcomes [ISLO] |
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| The student will create a baccalaureate paper on a current funeral service issue. The paper will consist of a breadth, depth, and application section and upon completion will reflect a thorough analytical understanding of the topic, complete with personal and professional reflections. | 2.1.10 Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice. | 1. Communication Skills – Written and Oral 2. Critical Thinking – Inquiry and Analysis 5. Industry, Professional, Discipline-Specific Knowledge and Skills |

J. APPLIED LEARNING COMPONENT: Yes _____ No X _____

If Yes, select one or more of the following categories:

Classroom/Lab _____

Civic Engagement _____

Internship____
Clinical Practicum____
Practicum____
Service Learning____
Community Service____

Creative Works/Senior Project____
Research____
Entrepreneurship____
(program, class, project)

K. TEXTS: None

L. REFERENCES:

Citation Machine, a Chegg service. (n.d.).

<https://www.citationmachine.net/bibliographies/d130efa6-fd04-42c2-b1bd-4cf4f4ffe84d>

M. EQUIPMENT: Microsoft Word or comparable software. Internet access is required.

N. GRADING METHOD: A - F

Your final grade will be calculated based on the following grading scheme:

NOTE: IN ALL FUNERAL SERVICE REQUIRED CORE COURSES A “C” OR HIGHER IS NEEDED TO PASS

| From % | To % | Letter grade |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 100 | 92.0 | A |
| 91.9 | 87.0 | B+ |
| 86.9 | 83.0 | B |
| 82.9 | 79.0 | C+ |
| 78.9 | 76.0 | C |
| 75.9 | 69.0 | D+ Required to retake the course |
| 68.9 | 60.0 | D Required to retake the course |
| 59.9 | 0 | F Required to retake the course |

O. SUGGESTED MEASUREMENT CRITERIA/METHODS:

The final grade for is based on the final presentation of the baccalaureate paper.

Once enrolled in the Funeral Services Administration program, students must complete the course of study within six (6) years. FSAD courses that are (6) years or older must be retaken because the American Board of Funeral Service Education revises the course outlines every seven years.

P. DETAILED COURSE OUTLINE:

I. Breadth Section

- A. Create a 15-20 page APA 7 style paper that incorporates the literature reviewed in the Depth Section.
- B. Explain the problem/issue of concern.
- C. Incorporate comments made during the interview in the Application Section
- D. Generate an APA 7 style reference page

II. Depth Section

- A. Literature Review of 15 to 20 articles relating to the topic
- B. APA 7 References and Citation

III. Application Section

- A. Design a series of open-ended questions regarding the topic.
- B. Interview a funeral director regarding the topic.
- C. Create a summary of the interview.
- D. Incorporate excerpts from the interview into the Breadth section.
- E. Create a 2 to 3 page paper on how this topic has impacted your understanding of funeral directing

Q. LABORATORY OUTLINE: none