



## Funeral Service Education (FSE) Course Descriptions

### **FSE 101 Funeral Directing**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course is an introduction to the basic principles of funeral service. Major emphasis will be placed on the history of funerals and the ethical obligations of the funeral director. Students will be able to relate principles discussed in class to situations on the job.

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### **FSE 110 Funeral Service Law and Ethics**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course is designed to introduce students to law and ethics as it relates to general small businesses and to the funeral profession. Major topics of funeral law include: sources of law, the legal status of the dead human body, the duty of burial, right to control funeral arrangements, final disposition, liability for funeral expenses, and torts involving the dead human body and the funeral director. Further areas of discussion include cemeteries, crematories, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to funeral service, and the legal aspects of being a licensed funeral director and/or embalmer. General law topics discussed include wills, estates, probate and related matters. Students will focus on the bodies of law and the judicial system in the United States to understand types of contracts, sale of goods, characteristics related to bailments (including common and private carriers), commercial paper, legal issues regarding agencies, employment, basic forms of business organization and methods of acquiring and transferring real and personal property. Ethical discussions will include how to facilitate higher ethical decisions, actions in proper treatment of the deceased and professional services to the bereaved.

### **FSE 201 Embalming I**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: As required by program*

This is an introductory course that outlines the basic skills, aptitudes, and personal qualifications needed to become a professional embalmer. Each of the primary phases of embalming will be covered in detail. Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of concepts by relating the concepts to the phenomenon of death. (Sp)

### **FSE 202 Embalming II**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: FSE 201*

This course is a continuation of FSE 201. Specific embalming problems and procedures will be discussed. Students will be able to apply principles learned in class to embalming case analysis. (Su)

### **FSE 203 Embalming Laboratory**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

*(Lab 9 hrs)*

This is a laboratory class in the application of embalming techniques and procedures. In this laboratory the student will apply the basic principles of embalming taught in the lecture classes. Students will be able to demonstrate proper practical embalming techniques, including posing of features, raising of vessels, mixing embalming fluids, injecting fluids, aspiration and suturing incisions. Students must be certified as being proficient by a Qualified Instructor on those techniques before a grade will be issued for completion of the course. Documentation of CURRENT, VALID health/hospitalization insurance is required. Apprentice Certification from the Alabama Board of Funeral Service is required. (F, Sp, Su)

### **FSE 206 Principles of Mortuary Sciences**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course includes a survey of the basic principles of microbiology. It related these principles directly to sanitation, disinfection, public health, and embalming concerns as those concerns relate to

successful funeral home operation. The course further emphasizes pathological disease conditions and how they affect various parts of the body and how those diseases affect the embalming and restorative art procedures. (Sp)

### **FSE 207 Thantochemistry**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course surveys the basic principles of chemistry as they relate to Funeral Service. Especially stressed are the chemical principles involved in sanitation, disinfection, public health and embalming practice. The development and use of personal, professional and community sanitation practices is delved into as well as use and precautions related to potentially harmful chemicals that are currently used in the field of funeral service. The principles of biochemistry as they are related to aldehyde reaction to autolytic enzymes and body protein will be emphasized. (Su)

### **FSE 210 Eye Enucleation Seminar**

1 semester hour

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This seminar teaches eye enucleation as a means of sight restoration to the blind of Alabama. Instruction is provided on all phases of eye tissue procurement. Students will be able to apply and perform proper eye enucleation techniques. (F, Sp, Su)

### **FSE 213 Restorative Art**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course covers general art principles as they are applied to funeral service. Major topics include: anatomical modeling, expression, tools, materials, and the use of color and cosmetics. Students will be able to relate proper techniques to actual practice. (Sp)

### **FSE 214 Advanced Restorative Art**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: FSE 213*

This course is a continuation of FSE 213. Color theory is emphasized using special cosmetics and lighting. Students will be able to demonstrate proper restorative art techniques. (Su)

### **FSE 223 Funeral Service Social Science**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course teaches the basic principles of counseling, general psychology and sociology as they relate to human mortality. Emphasis will be placed on the relationship of the funeral director to the bereaved and the general public. Students will be able to apply psychological theory to helping bereaved survivors. (F)

### **FSE 225 Funeral Service Management I**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course is a study of funeral home operations and management. Major topics of discussion will include: site selection, financing, recruitment and training of personnel, establishment of management policies, selection-room planning, and merchandising. Students will be able to relate theories of funeral home management and merchandising to practical funeral home operations. (Sp)

### **FSE 226 Funeral Service Management II**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: FSE 225*

This course is a study of the principles of funeral management. Major emphasis will be placed on marketing techniques and financial planning. Students will be able to discuss and apply financial principles of funeral home management. (Su)

### **FSE 227 Computer Principles and Funeral Service Applications**

3 semester hours

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This is a basic course specifically intended to enhance the understanding of the application of computers to the funeral

profession. The course is designed to instill an appreciation for computers as an effective funeral home management tool. Students will be able to apply principles of computer assisted funeral home operation to actual practice. (F)

**FSE 228 Funeral Service Internship**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

*(Int 15 hrs)*

This course is based upon experiences in funeral service under the direction of a licensed funeral director and college supervisor. Normal professional duties performed in the operation of a funeral home are emphasized. Students will be able to demonstrate proper techniques of funeral directing and funeral home operation (F, Sp, Su)

**FSE 230 Funeral Service Comprehensive Review**

*3 semester hours*

*Prerequisite: Admission to the program*

This course is a survey of the professional expectations in each major area of Funeral Service Education. Emphasis is placed on specific problem areas and the requirements for licensing by state and national boards. This course must be taken the last semester a student is enrolled prior to taking a licensing examination. It may not be taken with a course that is not offered by Jefferson State. If FSE 230 is taken with a course or courses offered by Jefferson State and those courses are not completed with a C or better, FSE 230 will not be counted towards graduation and the students will have to repeat FSE 230. Students will demonstrate competency in theoretical knowledge by completing a battery of tests with a minimum of 85% on each test. Completing the Arts and Sciences sections of the NBE is a requirement of this course. Students must also take the practice NBE before taking the NBE. Students are responsible for all fees associated with the NBE including the practice NBE. (F, Sp, Su)