

SYLLABUS

FUNERAL SERVICE – STATUTORY LAW

Course #3383

3 Credit Hours

Pre-requisites: None

**Textbook: Statutory Law Course Pack Book
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PURPOSE

The main purpose and scope of this course is to gain a working knowledge of 1) the main statutory laws, rules, and regulations affecting mortuaries, funeral directors, embalmers and crematories, and 2) how these laws apply to dead bodies and the consumer, and 3) how to avoid liability while properly serving clientele and the community. Such knowledge is required of the mortician in order to legally and competently practice in the profession.

FUNERAL SERVICE – STATUTORY LAW – 3 Credit Hours

Course Description:

This course deals with statutory laws and legal medicine as pertaining to the funeral service profession.

Course Content, Objectives, and Outline:

1. Study the statutory laws, rules and regulations relating to and required to be known by the funeral director, embalmer, and funeral establishment and crematory owner as set forth in the Statutory Law Course Pack book by Larry A. Morgan.
2. Recognize and understand legal issues in order to avoid liability.
3. Identify legal relationships, rights, duties and liabilities between the funeral director and/or embalmer, the dead body and the consumer.

4. Identify the various documents which are required to be prepared in funeral service.

5. Recognize situations when legal and other professional services are required for death planning and estate administration.

Group Study Assignment:

Outside of class assignment in minimum groups of three (3) to locate and reproduce case law and statutory law involving the Pacific Reporters and Oklahoma statutes to provide a class report.

Grading:

There shall be at least two examinations during the semester including the final which is comprehensive, pop tests, and group study assignment. All final course grades are based on the following standard grade schedule:

Grade Schedule

90 – 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

75 - 79 = C

70 - 74 = D

Below 70 = F

No make-up for missed exam. Penalty for late assignments – No credit given unless otherwise determined by instructor.

Attendance Requirements:

4 Tardies = 1 Absence.

3 Absences = A reduction in final course letter grade.

Next 2 Absences = Another reduction in final course letter grade.

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50% or more Absences from class = F as final course letter grade.

COMPUTERS ARE NOT TO BE UTILIZED DURING CLASS UNLESS
AUTHORIZED BY THE INSTRUCTOR.

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Appointment

Navigation Steps to Download Statutory Law & Mortuary Jurisprudence Glossaries

1. Navigate to the UCO Department of Funeral Service Education website at <http://www.uco.edu/funeral>.
2. Click on the "Faculty and Staff" link.
3. Click on Dr. Larry Morgan's picture or name.
4. Click on "Click here for course glossaries".
5. Click on either the "Statutory Law" or "Mortuary Jurisprudence" glossary.
6. Print or save the glossary.

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET AND SYLLABUS ATTACHMENT**

UCO MISSION: Helping students learn so that they may become productive, creative, ethical, engaged citizens and leaders.

UCO VISION: The University of Central Oklahoma is a learning-centered organization committed to transformative education through active engagement in the teaching-learning interchange, scholarly and creative pursuits, leadership, global competency and service to others.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STATEMENT

Each student is expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not confined to: plagiarizing; cheating on tests or examinations; turning in counterfeit reports, tests, and papers; stealing tests or other academic material; knowingly falsifying academic records or documents of the institution; accessing a student's confidential academic records without authorization; disclosing confidential academic information without authorization; and, turning in the same work to more than one class without informing the instructors involved. Any student found responsible of academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action. To help ensure academic integrity, faculty may employ a variety of tools, including, but not limited to, university-sanctioned Turnitin.com. More information concerning this policy can be found on page four of the UCO Student Code of Conduct located at: <http://www.uco.edu/conduct/code.html>.

UCONNECT STATEMENT

The University of Central Oklahoma News and Networking Educational Communication Tool (UCONNECT) is a secure web site providing UCO student, faculty, and administrative staff with up-to-the minute campus communications, single log-on connections to check grades, check schedules, add or drop classes, and access online course information. In a nutshell, UCONNECT is UCO's campus portal. As the official communication tool of the university, students are expected to access their UCONNECT accounts regularly to remain current of campus information and activities and to receive e-mail communication from faculty and administrative offices. In conjunction with UCONNECT, UCO provides a learning management system (LMS) for academic use. The LMS will be used for many course-related functions, including but not limited to, course communications, lecture material, turnitin.com assignments, group discussions, course assessments, and assignment submission. LMS use is at the discretion of each faculty member. Contact Technology Support at support@uco.edu or (405)-974-2255 for additional information.

ADA Statement regarding special accommodations:

"The University of Central Oklahoma complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students with disabilities who need special accommodations must make their requests by contacting Disability Support Services, at (405) 974-2516. The DSS Office is located in the Nigh University Center, Room 309. Students should also notify the instructor of special accommodation needs by the end of the first week of class."

INCOMPLETE GRADE

The grade "I" may only be given for work not completed *because of circumstances beyond the student's control* and in which further class attendance is not required. The student must have satisfactorily completed a substantial portion of the required course work for the semester. An "I" may only be changed to a letter grade by the instructor when work has been successfully completed outside the classroom and no longer than one year after the "I" was assigned as determined by the instructor. An "I" is not given simply because a student wants extra time to complete assignments or wants to earn a

higher grade. A formal written agreement must be signed by the instructor and the student and filed in the department/school office, clearly identifying what work is to be completed and the timeline within which the work is to be completed.

WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CLASSES

When withdrawing from the first day of the term forward, obtain a Withdrawal Form from the Center for Undergraduate Academic Advisement, obtain the required signature approvals from Financial Aid (even if you are not receiving financial aid) and the Bursar's office. Then take the form to Enrollment Services (Registration). You are not withdrawn until you receive a new printout from Enrollment Services (Registration) that shows the withdrawal has been processed. Do not leave the withdrawal form in any other office. Withdrawal prior to the first day of the term can be done on the web or at the Enrollment Services office. International Students with an F-1 and/or J-1 student visa status must also check with the International Office before attempting to withdraw.

WITHDRAWING FROM ALL CLASSES -FEDERAL AID RECIPIENTS

All federal aid recipients who completely withdraw from school prior to completing at least sixty percent of the semester will have to repay some portion of the federal funds received. UCO will determine the unearned portion of the funds received. This refund policy may require the student and/or the university, on behalf of the student, to immediately pay funds disbursed for the purpose of paying educational cost. The student will be held responsible for any funds the university is required to return on the student's behalf to the federal program. Payment arrangements will be made through the Bursar's Office only.

EMERGENCY INDIVIDUAL CLASS DROP OR COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL

A student unable to complete a drop or withdrawal by the published deadlines may submit a written petition (with supporting documentation) to Enrollment Services, room 124 in the Nigh University Center. Permission may be granted if proper evidence exists to show that the drop or withdrawal could not be completed during the required time and the instructor confirms the absence. Poor academic performance will not be a consideration. Regardless of the circumstances, withdrawals after the deadline will be reflected on the student's transcript as "W" if passing or "F" if failing. Drop and withdrawal deadlines are determined by the length of the individual class (generally, 1/16th of the length of the class). Deadlines for irregular classes meeting less than the full semester are proportional.

IMPORTANT DATES (Fall Semester)

Payment Due on All Courses	8/19/11
First Day of Late Enrollment Fee of \$40	8/22/11
Classes Begin	8/22/11
Last Day to Enroll or Add classes	8/26/11
Last Day for any refund when DROPPING a class in person	9/2/11
Last Day to Drop a course or Withdraw from All Classes	11/4/11
Classwork Ends	12/9/11
Final Examinations	12/12-12/16/11
See final exam schedule on the web at http://www.uco.edu/registrar/sched/	

FALL SEMESTER HOLIDAYS

Labor Day (Offices closed)	9/5/11
Fall Break (Offices open Thursday and Friday)	10/20/11-10/21/11
Thanksgiving Break (Offices closed)	11/23/11-11/25/11
Christmas Break (Offices closed)	12/22/11-1/2/12

FALL LIBRARY HOURS

The Max Chambers Library will be open the following hours during the fall semester:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Friday	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 noon – 2:00 a.m.

<http://library.uco.edu/>

WEATHER RELATED INFORMATION

Students, faculty, and staff may call the UCO Closing Line at (405) 974-2002 or check the UCO Home Page at www.uco.edu. You may also check with local media. On occasion, classes have to be canceled or starting times delayed. When daytime classes are canceled or a late starting time is announced, local media are called by 6:30 a.m. If evening classes are canceled, calls to the media are made beginning at 4:00 p.m., in time for the 5 o'clock news.

EMERGENCIES DURING FINALS STATEMENT

If a university emergency occurs that prevents the administration of a final examination, the student's final course grade will be calculated based on the work in the course completed to that point in time and the faculty member's considered judgment. Final exams will not be rescheduled, and a grade of "I" will not be given as a result of the missed exam.

FINAL EXAM DAILY LIMITS

A student is not required to take more than two final examinations on the same day. When three or more final examinations are scheduled on the same day, as listed in the official examination schedule, rescheduling of the excess examinations will start with the lowest course (not CRN) number(s). Online courses are excluded.

To reschedule a final examination:

- 1) the student must petition the appropriate dean(s) using the Petition for Rescheduling Final Exams form which is available from any deans office or online at:
<http://www.uco.edu/academic-affairs/files/policiesandguidelines/4academicstandards/4.4FinalExamsOFFICIAL.pdf>;
- 2) the petition must be made no later than five calendar days prior to the beginning of exam week for the semester or term in question;
- 3) the approval will be delivered to the faculty member by the student;
- 4) dean(s) will send a copy of approved form to AVP/Enrollment Management, (Box 151);
- 5) the faculty member shall reschedule, with the student, a day and time agreeable to both;
- 6) the exam must be administered only during the official final examination week;
- 7) the new exam date must not interfere with the timely submission of grades for the entire class.

HOW TO CONTACT A FACULTY MEMBER

If you have questions regarding your class, speak with your instructor. Faculty usually include their office hours and/or phone number in the class syllabus. If you cannot locate this information, set a time to meet with your instructor by speaking with him/her prior to or immediately following your class session or check with the departmental office on when the instructor may be available.

CLASS ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Talk with your instructor about any absences. Many instructors consider attendance so essential that your grade may be affected by your absence. **SOME DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSORS HAVE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE POLICIES.** Check your course syllabus or ask your instructor for this information.

EXPECTATION OF WORK

Full-time college students are expected to spend approximately 40 hours each week in class attendance and study outside of class. According to Regents' policy, for each hour in class a student is expected to spend two (2) to three (3) hours studying for the class (OSRHE II-2-34)

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

The administration, faculty, and staff want you to be successful in your learning experience here at UCO! If you have questions or

concerns, seek help EARLY.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Admissions Office, 974-3371
 Advisement Center, 974-2342
 Bookstore, 974-2736
 Campus Activities and Events, 974-2363
 Career Services, 974-3346
 College of Business, 974-2426
 College of Education, 974-5701
 College of Fine Arts and Design, 974-3770
 College of Liberal Arts, 974-5540
 College of Mathematics and Science, 974-2461
 Commuter Student Services, 974-3655
 Counseling Center, 974-2215
 Financial Aid Office, 974-3334
 Flex Ed, 974-2393
 Graduate College, 974-3341
 Greek Life, 974-2580
 Housing Office, 974-2746
 International Services, 974-2390
 Multicultural Student Services, 974-3588
 Police Services, 974-2345 non-emergency, 9-1-1 emergency
 Residence Life, 974-2746
 Student Life, 974-2364
 Testing Center, 974-2388
 Transportation and Parking, 974-2780

EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND DRILLS:

The purpose of an Emergency Evacuation and Relocation Drill is to educate the participants in the fire safety features, shelter locations, exit routes available, and procedures to be followed in the event of a real emergency. All drills shall be treated as real events. All students will be asked to sign an attendance sheet once you are at the designated relocation point. **In the event of Severe Weather:** Primary Shelter Location are - Library Basement, Liberal Arts Basement, Murdaugh Hall Basement, Thatcher Hall Basement, NUC floor north, Howell Hall Suite 118, and Central Plaza Basement. In the event you cannot reach a designated shelter area in a timely and safe manner, it is recommended that you "shelter in place" by moving to the lowest level and smallest room located in the center of the structure. An interior closet or bathroom is generally a good location. Use what you have to shield your hands and face from flying debris. Put as much space between you and exterior walls as possible and stay away from windows. Never take shelter in a hall that opens to the south or the west. Do not leave your shelter in place location until you are sure the danger has passed. A basement is considered the safest location in severe weather and locations on campus with accessible basements are limited. http://administration.uco.edu/documents/dps_tornadoSheltersForWeb2009.pdf

Map of Emergency Shelters on campus:

<http://www.uco.edu/administration/safety-transportation/emergency-management/EM%20Shelters.pdf>

UCO COPYRIGHT POLICY:

Copyright law information is provided to you per the TEACH Act through the following websites:

- UCO Department of Information Technology web page on [Copyright, Intellectual Property Rights and Licensing Issues](#)
- UCO directs students to [legal downloading sites](#).
- [UCO POLICY FOR USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS](#)

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