

Miami-Dade College
FSE 1080 Funeral Law

Course Description: The course will explore the sources of funeral law by identifying legal relationships, rights and duties between the funeral director, the dead body and the consumer. Facts involving the dead human body, wills, estates and probate proceedings will also be studied. State and federal laws, including the FTC trade rule will be addressed.

3 Credits

Prerequisites and Corequisites: None

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will define the rights, duties and liabilities between the funeral director, dead human body and consumer by:

- a. identifying criteria of legal death.
- b. naming property rights for a dead human body.
- c. describing right to control final disposition.

Competency 2: The student will define liability for funeral expenses by:

- a. describing the funeral contract and its relationship to the estate.
- b. naming the allowable cost items of a funeral.
- c. identifying torts involving a dead human body.

Competency 3: The student will define disinterment/reinterment by:

- a. differentiating between disinterment in the public interest and for private reasons.
- b. distinguishing who has the right of disinterment.

Competency 4: The student will define probate law by:

- a. discussing testamentary capacity.
- b. identifying special kinds of wills
- c. listing revocations and amendments.
- d. outlining distribution under the will.