

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSEWORK – FALL SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
FSEM-101C	First Year Seminar	1	
IGED-110C	Foundation Writing I	3	English-015C or required score on placement test
IGED-120C	Foundation Quantitative Reasoning	3	Math-015C or placement test
BIOL-111C	Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture	3	BIOL-113C (co-req.)
BIOL-113C	Anatomy and Physiology I - Lab	1	BIOL-111C (co-req.)
IGED -250C	Effective Use of Technology	3	
Total Credit Hours		14	

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSEWORK – SPRING SEMESTER (SUGGESTED)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
IGED-111C	Foundation Writing II	3	IGED 110C
IGED-220C	Discovery Quantitative Reasoning	3	IGED 120C
CHEM-105C	Fundamentals of Chemistry -Lecture	3	IGED 120C; CHEM-106C (co-req.)
CHEM-106C	Fundamentals of Chemistry - Lab	1	IGED 120C; CHEM-105C (co-req.)
MSTC-104C	Funeral Service Orientation	3	
Total Credit Hours		13	

ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED THE PRE-MORTUARY COURSEWORK WITH “C” GRADE OR BETTER AND HAVE A 3.00 PRE-REQUISITE GPA, MUST HAVE APPLIED AND GAINED FORMAL ACCEPTANCE TO THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING ANY MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSES.

MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSEWORK

PRE-MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK – FIRST 1st Pre-requisite Semester (SUGGESTED)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
FSEM-101C	First Year Seminar	1	
IGED-110C	Foundation Writing in the Arts & Humanities	3	English-015C or required score on placement test
IGED-120C	Foundation Quantitative Reasoning	3	Math-015C or placement test
BIOL-111C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture)	3	BIOL-113C (co-req.)
BIOL-113C	Anatomy and Physiology I (Lab)	1	BIOL-111C (co-req.)
CHEM 105	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lecture)	3	IGED 120C; CHEM-106C (co-req.)

CHEM 106	Fundamentals of Chemistry (Lab)	1	IGED 120C; CHEM-105C (co-req.)
MSTC 104C	Funeral Service Orientation	2	
	Total Credit Hours	17	

ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED THE PRE-MORTUARY COURSEWORK WITH “B” GRADE OR BETTER AND HAVE A 3.00 CUMULATIVE GPA, MUST HAVE APPLIED AND GAINED FORMAL ACCEPTANCE TO THE MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING ANY MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSES.

MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK

FIRST SEMESTER – Mortuary Science program (2nd overall)

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-105C	Descriptive Pathology and Microbiology	3	Program Admission
IGED-130C	Foundation of Oral Communication	3	
MSTC-205C	Funeral Merchandise and Cremation	3	
ACCT-201C	Financial Accounting I	3	
	Total Credit Hours	12	

MORTUARY SCIENCE COURSE WORK

SECOND SEMESTER – Mortuary Science program (3rd overall)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-124C	Thanatochemistry	2	
MSTC-155C	Small Business Management Funeral Service	3	
MSTC-107C	History and Practice of Funeral Directing	3	
IGED-111C	Foundation Writing II	3	
PHIT-101C	Intro to Public Health Info. IT	4	
	Total Credits	15	

THIRD SEMESTER – Mortuary Science program (4th overall)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-220C	Embalming and Disposition Principles I (Lecture)	3	MSTC-124C; MSTC-223C (co-req.)
MSTC-223C	Embalming and Disposition Principles I (lab)	3	MSTC-220C (co-req.)
MSTC-206C	Funeral Service Management and Principles Practicum	2	MSTC-205C
MSTC-254C	Psychology of Grief and Sociology	3	MSTC-107C
MSTC-131C	Restorative Art I (Lecture)	3	MSTC-105C and MSTC-220C(co-req.)
	Total Credits	14	

FOURTH SEMESTER – Mortuary Science program (5th overall)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites
MSTC-230C	Embalming and Disposition Principles II (Lecture)	3	MSTC-220C; MSTC-232C (co-req.)
MST- 232C	Embalming and Disposition Principles II (Lab)	3	MSTC-230C (co-req.)
MSTC-213C	Restorative Art II (Lecture)	2	MSTC-131C; MSTC-214C (co-req.)
MSTC-214C	Restorative Art II (Lab)	1	MSTC-131C; MSTC-213C (co-req.)
MSTC-135C	Funeral Service Law	3	MSTC-107C
MSTC-294C	National Board Seminar	1	Approval by Program Director
	Total Credits	13	

Total Credit Hours for AAS Degree in Mortuary Science: 71

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INFORMATION FOR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Applications for admission to UDC-CC can either be completed online at www.udc.edu or may be located at:

University of the District of Columbia Community College
Office of Admissions
5171 South Dakota Avenue NE, Office 223
Washington, DC 20017
202-274-6756

OR

University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave NW
Washington, DC 20008

For general information about or application into the Mortuary Science Program, please contact:

Professor John Kirksey,
Program Director
John.kirksey@udc.edu

MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM STUDENT HANDBOOK RECEIPT FORM

(Program and Student File Copy)

I have received the current **Mortuary Science Program's Student Handbook**.

I understand and will abide by the rules, regulations, guidelines, policies and procedures specified in the **Mortuary Science Program's Student Handbook**.

I am responsible for meeting with the Program Director before each registration period to guide my academic progress and make appointments for advisement during the academic year as needed. I will also meet with him/her before making any academic decisions that may affect my program progression.

Program Director room number: _____

Program Director phone number: (_____) _____

Program Director e-mail address: _____

Student's Printed Name and Signature

Date