



Funeral Service

Associate in Science | Code: 23049 | 72 credits

CIP (1312030100)

Effective Term: Fall 2024 (2247)

Students in the Funeral Service program are given a broad understanding of all phases of funeral home operations as well as the public health responsibilities of the funeral director and embalmer. The Funeral Service degree program at Miami Dade College is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 992 Mantua Pike, Suite 108, Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097, (816) 233-3747. Web: www.abfse.org. All students must register to take the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, Inc. National Board Examination during their final semester. Students who plan Funeral Service licensure in other states must contract the respective state board to determine licensing requirements and the student is responsible for complying with all particular laws of that state. National Board Examination pass rates, graduation rates, and employment rates for this and other ABFSE-accredited programs are available at www.abfse.org. To request a printed copy of this program's rates, go to the Funeral Service Education Office (Building 3142) or by telephone 305-237-1244.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (15.00 Credits)

COMMUNICATIONS (3.00 credits)

ENC 1101	English Composition 1	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: Student must meet the Developmental Education reading and writing requirements in State Rule 6A-10.0315 (by course, placement score, or eligible exemption).
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HUMANITIES (3.00 credits)

PHI 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	(3 credits)
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MATHEMATICS (3.00 credits)

MGF 1130	Mathematical Thinking	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: Student must meet the Developmental Education reading and writing requirements in State Rule 6A-10.0315 (by course, placement score, or eligible exemption).
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NATURAL SCIENCE (3.00 credits)

FSE 1105	Funeral Service Chemistry	(3 credits)
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SOCIAL SCIENCE (3.00 credits)

AMH 2010	History of the US to 1877	(3 credits)
AMH 2020	History of the US since 1877	(3 credits)
POS 2041	American Federal Government	(3 credits)

COMPUTER COMPETENCY

Test type(s) needed:

Computer Competency Test (CCT)

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CGS 1060C Introduction to Computer Technology & Applications

PRE-ENTRY COURSES REQUIREMENTS (12.00 Credits)

Group A (3.00 credits)

FSE 1000	History of Funeral Service	(3 credits)
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Group B (3.00 credits)

BUL 2131	Legal Environment	(3 credits)
BUL 2241	Business Law 1	(3 credits)

Group C (3.00 credits)

BSC 1084	Functional Human Anatomy	(3 credits)
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Group D (3.00 credits)

ACG 2001	Principles of Accounting 1	(3 credits)	Corequisite: ACG 2001L
ACG 2021	Financial Accounting	(3 credits)	Corequisite: ACG 2021L

MAJOR COURSES REQUIREMENTS (41.00 Credits)**Group A (3.00 credits)****Group E (3.00 credits)**

FSE 2106	Funeral Service Microbiology	(3 credits)
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Group F (3.00 credits)

FSE 2202	Funeral Home Management	(3 credits)
GEB 1011	Principles of Management	(3 credits)

Group G (33.00 credits)

FSE 1080	Funeral Law	(3 credits)	
FSE 2060	Funeral Directing	(3 credits)	
FSE 2061	Funeral Service Counseling and Ethics	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: ENC 1101
FSE 2100	Embalming 1	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: BSC 1084
FSE 2100L	Embalming 1 Lab	(2 credits)	Pre/Corequisite: FSE 2100
FSE 2120C	Restorative Art	(4 credits)	Prerequisite: FSE 2100; Recommended: FSE 2100L
FSE 2140	Embalming 2	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: FSE 2100
FSE 2140L	Embalming 2 Lab	(2 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2100L; Recommended: FSE 2100, FSE 2140
FSE 2160	Pathology	(3 credits)	
FSE 2201	Funeral Home Operations	(3 credits)	
FSE 2203	Funeral Home Applications	(4 credits)	Prerequisites: FSE 2060, FSE 2201

Group H (2.00 credits)

FSE 2930	Professional Review	(2 credits)	Taken in Final Semester
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ELECTIVE COURSE REQUIREMENTS (4-6 credits)

ACG 2001L	Principles of Accounting 1 Laboratory	(1 credit)	Corequisite: ACG 2001
ACG 2021L	Financial Accounting Laboratory	(1 credit)	Corequisite: ACG 2021
CGS 1060C	Introduction to Computer Technology & Application	(4 credits)	
CLP 1006	Psychology of Personal Effectiveness	(3 credits)	
ENC 1102	English Composition II	(3 credits)	Prerequisite: ENC 1101
SLS 1125	Student Support Seminar	(3 credits)	
SPC 1017	Introduction to Communication	(3 credits)	
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	(3 credits)	

Additional Information:

- Students must apply in person in the FSE office. Students are required to attend program orientation prior to admission into the Funeral Service Education Program.
- Students must complete all general education and pre-entry coursework with a minimum of 3.0 GPA for program admission and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA for graduation.
- Students who receive a total of three grades of 'D', 'F', or 'W' across both pre-entry and major courses will be subject to removal from the program
- Students must maintain good standing and enroll in at least 9 credit hours per major semester.

- Students should check their individualized Degree Audit Report to determine the specific graduation policies in effect for their program of study for the year and term they entered Miami Dade. This outline includes current graduation requirements.
- The final responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with the student.
- Students must pass both sections of the National Board Examination in order to be licensed as a Combination Funeral Director & Embalmer or Embalmer Only in the State of Florida (2015).
- Students should check their individualized Degree Audit Report to determine the specific graduation policies in effect for their program of study for the year and term they entered Miami Dade. This outline includes current graduation requirements.
- The final responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with the student.
- Students must pass both sections of the National Board Examination in order to be licensed as a Combination Funeral Director & Embalmer or Embalmer Only in the State of Florida (2015).
- Students must complete a mandatory 1-year internship and can start applying after completing 75% of the program.
- Students must pass both sections of the National Board Examination in order to be licensed as a Combination Funeral Director & Embalmer or Embalmer Only in the State of Florida (2015).
- Florida Statutes require fingerprinting and a background check upon application for licensure. Additionally, many funeral homes require a background check as well as drug testing prior to employment. Individuals who possess a criminal record or history of bad character may be denied licensure in this or any other state solely based on their criminal background / character even though they successfully complete this program.

Program Requirements :

- Students must complete all coursework with a "C" or better to complete the degree.
- Students must complete all general education and pre-entry coursework with a minimum of 3.0 GPA for program admission.
- Students who receive a total of three grades of 'D', 'F', or 'W' across both pre-entry and major courses will be subject to removal from the program.
- Students who completed any FSE course more than 3 years ago will be required to either take a competency course or retake the class.
- Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA while admitted to Associate in Science program or be withdrawn from the program.
- Students must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours per major semester (Fall and Spring) in an academic year or they will be removed from the program.
- Students may take up to 12 credit hours of course requirements at another institution while admitted to the Associate in Science degree program.
- Students must be available to attend in-person and blended courses when available.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take SPC1017 – Fundamentals of Speech Communication prior to entry of the program.