Program: Funeral Service  
Major: Funeral Service  
Degree: Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

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University Core  (Total Listed 42-44)

For a full list of courses see University Core.

- Courses from the major may apply to the areas marked in the University Core.

Written and Oral Communication ......................................................... 9

Quantitative Reasoning/Scientific Method ............................................. 10-11
- Math ...................................................................................................... 3
- Life Science ......................................................................................... 4
- Physical Science .................................................................................. 3-4

Critical Inquiry and Aesthetic Analysis ............................................... 6
- Aesthetic Analysis ............................................................................. 3
- Critical Inquiry .................................................................................. 3

Minimum Required Hours

Major Requirements

Funeral Service ................................................................................. 67

Required Course .................................................................................. 2
  * FNRL 4522 Board Review

Basic Sciences ..................................................................................... 15

Required courses:
  - BIO 2314 Introduction to Microbiology and Lab
  - CHEM 1014 Introduction to Chemistry and Lab
  - FNRL 2214 Introduction to Human Anatomy and Dissection
  - FNRL 3433 Introduction to Pathology

Mortuary Arts and Sciences ............................................................... 20

Required courses:
  - FNRL 3054 Embalming Chemistry
  - FNRL 3204 Embalming
  - FNRL 3304 Restorative Art
  * FNRL 4118 Practicum in Embalming & Funeral Directing

Mortuary Administration ................................................................. 30

Required courses:
  - FNRL 1211 Orientation to Funeral Service
  - FNRL 2313 Contemporary Funeral Service
  - FNRL 2413 Funeral Home Administration
  - FNRL 3374 Funeral Home Management I
  - FNRL 3383 Funeral Service Statutory Law
  - FNRL 3393 Mortuary Jurisprudence
  - FNRL 3493 Funeral Service Communication
  - FNRL 3513 History of Funeral Directing
  - FNRL 4214 Funeral Home Management II
  - FNRL 3483 Psychology of Grief

* Must be taken concurrently during a student’s final semester.

Electives to bring total to ......................................................... 124

Minimum Grade Requirements

1. Average in (a) all college course work, (b) course work at UCO, and (c) major courses ................................................. 2.00
2. A minimum grade of “C” must be earned in all courses in the major to count toward meeting degree requirements.

American Historical and Political Analysis ..................................... 6
American National Government ....................................................... 3
American History ............................................................................. 3

Cultural and Language Analysis .................................................. 3-4
  - Second Language ........................................................................ 4
    OR
  - Cultural Analysis ......................................................................... 3

Social and Behavioral Analysis ..................................................... 3

Life Skills .......................................................................................... 5
  - Required Health Course .............................................................. 2
  - Elective Life Skills ....................................................................... 3

For other regulations pertaining to graduation, see  

Academic Degree Requirements.

National Board Examination scores, 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 scores and rates, go to: UCO Department of Funeral Service, CHS 154, 100 North University Drive, Edmond, OK 73034 or by e-mail at funeralservice@uco.edu, or by telephone, (405) 974-5001.

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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the accredited Bachelor’s Degree and Certificate program, students will be able to:

- Explain the importance of funeral service professionals in developing relationships with the families and communities they serve.
- Identify standards of ethical conduct in funeral service practice.
- Describe the requirements and procedures for burial, cremation, and other accepted forms of final disposition of human remains.
- Describe methods to address the grief-related needs of the bereaved.
- Explain management skills associated with operating a funeral establishment.
- Demonstrate verbal and written communication skills and research skills needed for funeral service practice.