

Funeral Services Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Credit Hours: 72 total credit hours (including prerequisite coursework). Total hours may vary based on individual academic plan. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Applicants who **complete all requirements by the published review deadline** will be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements makes you eligible for consideration but **does not guarantee admission** to the program. See the program webpage for [additional admissions information](#).

Acceptance into the Funeral Services program is based upon academic performance and other criteria. To be considered as a qualified applicant, individuals must complete the following by the application deadline:

- Acceptance to Florida State College at Jacksonville.
- A minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale in all college work to be used for the degree.
- Submit current Health Education Systems, Inc. Admission Assessment (HESI/A2 Elsevier A2 Preadmission Test Scores).
- Note: A complete HESI/A2 administration is required and is made up of nine (9) sub-tests that must be completed in one sitting. Scores are taken from a single complete administration that is most advantageous to the applicant. A minimum score of 65% is required on the grammar, reading comprehension and vocabulary sub-tests.
- Completion of the Funeral Services program application.
- Proof of high school completion required. If applicable, all postsecondary transcripts are required.
- Completion of 7-credit hours of prerequisite coursework prior to the application deadline for the Funeral Services program and prior to beginning the Professional coursework (FSE prefix) phase of the Funeral Services program.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

Application Deadline(s)

The application deadline is May 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall term.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

A minimum grade of C or higher is required in:

- All Professional coursework
- All Professional Elective coursework
- All General Education coursework

Stay on Track

Meet the associate in science degree graduation requirements:

- Complete all academic requirements for this program outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses applicable to the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses.
- Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit semester hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses.
- Complete at least 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- Complete the required semester hours for the degree, as including a minimum of 15 semester hours in General Education.
- Demonstrate competency in civic literacy by:
 - Completing a civic literacy course – AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041 – with a grade of C or higher.
 - Achieving of the required standard score on a state-approved assessment.
- Earn a grade of a C or higher in each course used to satisfy the general education requirements and any other area designated as requiring a grade of C or higher.
- Satisfy all financial and other obligations to the College prior to graduation.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=2161

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2161.

Prerequisite Coursework

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
BSC 2085C – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
ENC 1101 – English Composition I or ENC 1101C – English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102 – Writing About Texts	3-4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer

General Education and Professional Elective Coursework

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
MAC 1105 – College Algebra or MAC 1105C – College Algebra Enhanced or MAC 1114 – College Trigonometry or MAC 1140 – Precalculus Algebra or MAC 1147 – Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry or MAC 2233 – Calculus for Business and Social Sciences or MAC 2311 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry I or MAC 2312 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry II or MAC 2313 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry III or MAP 2302 – Differential Equations or MGF 1130 – Mathematical Thinking or STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3-5	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
AMH 2010 – United States History to 1877 or AMH 2020 – United States History from 1877 to the Present or POS 2041 – American Federal Government	3	General Education & Civic Literacy	Fall, Spring, Summer
ARH 2000 – Art in the Humanities or HUM 2020 – Topics in the Humanities or LIT 2000 – Literature in the Humanities or MUL 2010 – Music in the Humanities or PHI 2010 – Philosophy in the Humanities or THE 2000 – Theatre in the Humanities	3	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
ACG 2021 – Financial Accounting or any ACG-prefix course	3	Professional Elective	Fall, Spring, Summer
BUL 2131 – Business Law I – The Legal Environment of Business	3	Professional Elective	Fall, Spring, Summer
PHI 2603 – Introduction to Applied Ethics	3	Professional Elective	Fall, Spring, Summer

Sample Roadmap for Admitted Students

Term 1: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
FSE 1000 – Introduction to Funeral Services	3	Professional	Fall
FSE 1020 – Anatomy for Funeral Sciences	3	Professional	Fall
FSE 1105 – Thanatochemistry	2	Professional	Fall
FSE 2160 – Funeral Pathology	3	Professional	Fall
FSE 2202 – Funeral Home Management	3	Professional	Fall

Term 2: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
FSE 1204 – Computer Applications for Funeral Services	1	Professional	Spring
FSE 2060 – Funeral Directing	3	Professional	Spring
FSE 2080 – Funeral Law	3	Professional	Spring
FSE 2100 – Embalming	3	Professional	Spring
FSE 2100L – Embalming Laboratory I	1	Professional	Spring
HSC 1524 – Introduction to Infectious Diseases	2	Professional	Spring

Term 3: Summer

Note: Parts of FSE 2946 are facilitated with a local funeral home and in simulations as well as online.

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
FSE 2120C – Restorative Art and Laboratory	4	Professional	Summer
FSE 2140 – Embalming II	3	Professional	Summer
FSE 2140L – Embalming Laboratory II	1	Professional	Summer
FSE 2946 – Funeral Services Professional Practicum	2	Professional	Summer

Term 4: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
FSE 1150 – Cremation History, Principles and Practices	2	Professional	Fall
FSE 2061 – Funeral Services Counseling and Ethics	3	Professional	Fall
FSE 2201 – Funeral Home Operations	3	Professional	Fall
FSE 2930 – Funeral Services Professional Review – Arts	1	Professional	Fall
FSE 2931 – Funeral Services Professional Review–Sciences	1	Professional	Fall