

The Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Funeral Services educates students in every phase of funeral services so that program graduates are prepared for entry-level employment in funeral service.

The curriculum integrates entry-level knowledge of funeral directing, technical skills, and scenarios in an on-campus laboratory. The program is committed to encouraging lifelong learning in a positive, non-discriminatory, and supportive environment designed to foster community involvement, scholarly research, a better quality of life, and respect for the dead.

Note: If you are considering employment in a state other than Florida, please visit <https://www.fscj.edu/academics/license-disclose> to determine if this program will meet the selected state's requirements to sit for licensure or certification testing.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Task
<input type="checkbox"/> Explore career resources at fscj.edu/student-services/career-development .
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor each term.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fulfill the Civic Literacy requirement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfy the associate in science degree graduation requirements.

Program Accreditation

The Funeral Service associate degree program at Florida State College at Jacksonville 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.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited Access program. Students must follow the application procedure outlined in the current College Catalog. The **application deadline** is May 15 of each year with classes starting in the fall term.

Advising

(904) 646-2300 or hcic@fscj.edu.

Sample Roadmap

This roadmap provides general guidance about required courses. For specific guidance about your individual academic degree plan, please see an advisor. Also refer to the College Catalog and class schedules for additional information.

A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional courses, with the exception of the following: FSE 2100L and FSE 2140L, along with FSE 2930 and FSE 2931, which require a grade a grade of P (pass). Students must achieve a minimum of 85% to pass FSE 2930 and FSE 2931. A minimum grade of C or higher must be achieved in all professional elective courses, as well as courses used to satisfy the general education and civic literacy requirements.

Prerequisite Coursework

Upon program admission, Prerequisite Coursework credit will be applied to the General Education Coursework area of the student transcript.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	BSC 2085C: Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENC 1101: English Composition I or ENC 1101C: English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102: Writing About Texts	3-4

General Education and Professional Elective Coursework

Students who have completed all General Education Coursework upon admission to the professional phase of the program may be able to complete the program in a minimum of 16 months.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHI 2603: Introduction to Applied Ethics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ARH 2000: Art in the Humanities or PHI 2010: Philosophy in the Humanities or MUL 2010: Music in the Humanities or LIT 2000: Literature in the Humanities or HUM 2020: Topics in the Humanities or THE 2000: Theatre in the Humanities	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAC 1105: College Algebra or higher-level MAC prefix course or MAP 2302: Differential Equations or MGF 1106: Topics in College Mathematics or MGF 1107: Explorations in Mathematics or STA 2023: Elementary Statistics	3-5
<input type="checkbox"/>	AMH 2020: United States History From 1877 to the Present or POS 2041: American Federal Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Elective: ACG 2021: Financial Accounting or any ACG prefix course	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Elective: BUL 2131: Business Law I - The Legal Environment of Business	3

Term 1: Fall

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 1000: Introduction to Funeral Services	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 1105: Thanatochemistry	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2160: Funeral Pathology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2202: Funeral Home Management	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 1020: Anatomy for Funeral Services	3

Career Options

Funeral directors interview the family members of the deceased to facilitate and assist with the arrangements for the funeral services. Services include coordination with clergy members or other persons who will officiate, the logistics of funerals, preparing obituary notices and having them placed in newspapers, arranging for pallbearers and clergy, scheduling with the cemetery the opening and closing of a grave, decorating and preparing the sites of all services, and providing for the transportation of the remains, mourners, and flowers between sites. They also direct preparation and shipment of remains for out-of-state burial. Embalming is a sanitary, cosmetic, and preservative process through which the body is prepared for interment. Funeral directors also handle the paperwork involved with the person's death.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this program, students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the following program learning outcomes:

- 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.
- Interpret how federal, state, and local laws apply to funeral service in order to ensure compliance.
- Apply principles of public health and safety in the handling and preparation of human remains.
- Demonstrate technical skills in embalming and restorative art that are necessary for the preparation and handling of human remains.
- Demonstrate skills required for conducting arrangement conferences, visitations, services, and ceremonies.
- 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.

Term 2: Spring

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2060: Funeral Directing	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2080: Funeral Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2100: Embalming I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2100L: Embalming Laboratory I	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	HSC 1524: Introduction to Infectious Diseases	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 1204: Computer Applications for Funeral Services	1

Term 3: Summer

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2120C: Restorative Art and Laboratory	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2140: Embalming II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2140L: Embalming Laboratory II	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE: 2946: Professional Practicum I	2

Term 4: Fall

Note: FSE 2930 must be taken in the student's final term of the Funeral Services program.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course: Course Title	Credit Hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 1150: Cremation History, Principles and Practices	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2061: Funeral Services Counseling and Ethics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2201: Funeral Home Operations	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2930: Funeral Services Professional Review - Arts	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	FSE 2931: Funeral Services Professional Review - Sciences	1

Total Program Credit Hours

The **Funeral Services A.S.** degree program requires a **minimum of 72 credit hours**. Total program hours may vary based on the student's individual degree plan. Please see an advisor for individual guidance. This program **is eligible** for financial aid.

Important for You to Know

This academic roadmap does not include **developmental education courses** in reading, writing, and/or mathematics that you may be required to take. Students who place into developmental education courses are required to complete designated developmental education courses with a grade of C or higher regardless of program of study. In addition, it does not include **MAT 1033: Intermediate Algebra**, which, for many students, is a prerequisite course for MAC 1105.

Related Roadmaps

Embedded Technical Certificate(s)

Technical certificates are available within this degree program. Contact an advisor to determine the career education path that is best for you. Embedded technical certificates include:

- Florida Funeral Director