

## Academic Programs

### Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service (FSBS) – Online and On-Ground

#### Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service curriculum at Mid-America College of Funeral Service is designed to provide the needed education to meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. It fulfills the requirements of accreditation and approval agencies. The curriculum offers both theoretical and practical fundamentals of funeral service. The program is offered in academic quarters, with each quarter consisting of eleven weeks of study. The program is developed with the input of successful professionals, ensuring exceptional career relevance, and designed to impart real-world knowledge and skills

This program is designed to provide graduates of non-funeral service disciplines who wish to move into funeral service and embalming with the education needed meet the prerequisites for licensure and employment in funeral service. It fulfills the requirements of accreditation and approval agencies

#### Curriculum

The curriculum fulfills the requirements of all accreditation regulations and is a blend of theoretical and practical fundamentals of the funeral profession, as well as the liberal arts

The courses are listed under the headings of:

1. Public Health
2. Business Management
3. Social Sciences
4. Legal, Ethical, Regulatory
5. Liberal Arts, and
6. General Education/Liberal Arts/Electives

#### General Education Requirements

All general education requirements for the bachelor's degree may be completed here at the College. The degree will fulfill all general education requirements. The general education courses provide a foundation for professional success. Students learn to think critically, make rational decisions, and communicate effectively. These skills support their ability to acquire, evaluate, and use the specific knowledge needed for the program

#### Courses by Quarter including General Education

Quarter 1		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
ENG 101	English Grammar and Composition	5
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	5
HIS 110	United States History through 1877	5
MAT 110	Business Mathematics	5
SCI 111	Fundamentals of Science	4

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Quarter 1 Totals		24
Quarter 2		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
ENG 120	Advanced Composition and Business Communications	5
PSY 120	Introduction to Psychology	5
HIS 120	United States History since 1877	5
BUS 120	Introduction to Business	5
SCI 122	Introduction to Pathology and Anatomy	4
Quarter 2 Totals		24
Quarter 3		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
SBM 130	Small Business Management	4
COM 130	Communications	4
EMB 131	Embalming Theory	4
HIS 130	History of Funeral Service	3
BIO 230	Psychology	5
BIO 131	Anatomical Framework and Cardiovascular System	4
Quarter 3 Totals		24
Quarter 4		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
ADM 241	Funeral Directing	5
LAW 241	Business Law	3
SOC 240	Cremation and Burial Alternatives	4
EMB 242	Embalming Practicum	4
BIO 240	Microbiology	4
BIO 242	Study of Body Organ Systems	4
Quarter 4 Totals		24
Quarter 5		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
PSY 250	Funeral Service Psychology and Counseling	3
LAW 252	Mortuary Law and Ethics	3
ADM 252	Funeral Service Merchandising	3
CHE 251	Inorganic Chemistry	3
ACC 250	Accounting	5
SCI 251	Restorative Art Theory	4
Quarter 5 Totals		21
Quarter 6		
Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
CHE 262	Organic Chemistry	3
SOC 260	Sociology of Funeral Service	5
ADM 263	Funeral Service Marketing and Operations	3
SCI 262	Restorative Art Practicum	3
PRT 269	Professional Portfolio	2
CAP 269	Capstone Review	3
Quarter 6 Totals		19
Program Total		136

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### Transfer Credit Requirements

Students with a previous BS degree or previous upper level credits can transfer up to 45 total hours, 15 hours per discipline listed of 300 – 400 level classes in the following disciplines: Humanities, Natural science, Sociology, or Business (up to but no more than 15 hours in each)

### Transfer Credit Information

1. Up to 48 quarter credit hours for General Education courses
  - a. General Education is available at Mid-America College of Funeral Service
2. Up to 45 quarter credit hours of level 300 and up Humanities, Natural science, Sociology, or Business Courses
3. If necessary, level 300 – 400 courses are available for students to enroll in, to supplement the BS elective courses level 300 and up to reach the required 180 quarter credit hours

Student completing the FSBS program would end with 180 credits consisting of the following subtotals:

1. 48 General Education quarter credit hours
2. 88 Funeral Service Core quarter credit hours
3. 44 level 300 and higher, transfer credits from an approved list, Mid-America College's Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service Management (BFSM) Courses as Electives, or from an approved list of transfer disciplines

### Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service Management (BFSM) Courses as FSBS Electives

The Bachelor of Science in Funeral Service Management has course offerings in funeral service-related topics that may be counted toward the level 300 and higher course requirement. The classes in this program are well-rounded topics that directly relate to the profession in which they are or would like to be employed

The BFSM course work includes the nine (9) funeral service courses and nine (9) open FS related electives such as: Thanatology, Green Burial, and Death Companioning

All required courses are pending an official transfer credit evaluation. Mid-America College of Funeral Service is accredited by the ABFSE

These below courses may be used toward the 180 required quarter credit hours, including the 44 required upper-level elective quarter credit hours

### Funeral Core Content Courses

The core course content is designed to provide an enhanced understanding of key topics within the funeral service profession. The courses provide content that will be desirable for and to a Funeral Director. The core courses consist of 44 quarter credit hours, nine (9) upper level courses pertain to the Funeral Service Profession as a Funeral Director. **The courses listed below are eligible to be completed as elective credit hours towards the FSBS degree.**

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Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
BFS 310	Thanatology	5
BFS 320	Experiencing World Religion	5
BFS 330	Intercultural Appreciation for Funeral Service	5
BFS 340	Workplace Communications	5
BFS 350	Hospitality and Event Planning for Funeral Service	4
BFS 360	Entrepreneurship	5
BFS 370	Marketing Funeral Service	5
BFS 380	Fundamentals of Preneed Sales	5
BFS 390	Stress Management	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>44</b>

### Elective Pool Content Courses

All courses from the elective pool listed below are considered upper division management/leadership courses to enhance the skills required of a Funeral Director. The elective pool will be used to meet the 180 credits required credits to earn the FSBS. The total number of elective courses will be dependent of the transcript evaluation. **The transfer evaluation is conducted before acceptance into the FSBS program.**

Course Number	Course Title	Quarter Credit Hours
FIN 310	Essentials of Corporate Finance	4
GBC 310	Changing Landscapes in Green Funeral Service	4
HRM 310	Human Relations	4
HRM 320	Human Resource Management	4
MGT 410	Applying Leadership Principles	4
MGT 420	Choosing Success	4
MGT 430	Conflict Management and Negotiation	4
MGT 440	Life-Span Development	4
MGT 450	Organizational Behavior	4
MGT 460	Interpersonal Conflict	4
BFS 311	Applied Thanatology	5
BFS 315	Death Companionship	5
BFS 316	Applied Death Companionship	5
<b>Totals</b>		<b>55</b>

***NOTE: Students are not eligible to sit for the National Board Exam (NBE) until the required 180 quarter credit hours are earned***