

B.S. in Biology: Mortuary Science

Program Description

The mortuary science concentration of the Bachelor of Science in Biology, through affiliation with the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science, is accredited through the American Board of Funeral Service Education, National Association of Colleges of Mortuary Science, National Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards of the United States Inc. This program is designed for three years of approved study on campus and one year of study at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

Curriculum

The curriculum requires 120 credits: 94 credits in required and elective Cal U courses and 26 credits for the institute year. Upon completion of the program, the student is granted a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal U and an associate degree in specialized technology from the Pittsburgh institute. Upon completion of a one-year resident intern period, the candidate applies for the state board examinations and licensure as a funeral director and embalmer.

Course	Credits
General Education Courses	41
<i>Building a Sense of Community</i> UNI 100 First-Year Seminar	1
<i>Composition</i> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<i>Public Speaking</i> CDC 101 Public Speaking	3
<i>Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy</i> MAT 181 College Algebra	3
<i>Health and Wellness</i> Any Health and Wellness Course	3
<i>Technological Literacy</i> Any Tech Lit. Course	3
<i>Humanities</i> Any Humanities Course	3
<i>Fine Arts</i> Any Fine Arts Course	3
<i>Natural Sciences</i> CHE 101 General Chemistry I	4
<i>Social Sciences</i> Any Social Science Course	3
<i>General Education Options</i>	12

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Course	Credits
<p>The following courses are suggested electives of professional mortuary science interest. Please consult your adviser for the most appropriate courses for you. At least one course must be an Ethics and Multicultural Awareness Emphasis (EMEL) Course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG 102 Composition II or Other English or Literature Course • CSC 101 Personal Productivity Software (TL) • CSC 201 Internet Concepts (TL) • PHI 200 World Religions (HUM, EMEL) • PHI 307 Medical Ethics (HUM, EMEL) • PSY 100 General Psychology (SS) • SOC 100 Principles of Sociology (SS) • PHI 308 Bioethics (HUM, EMEL) • ECO 100 Elements of Economics (SS) • ENG 211 Business Writing (Comp) • PHI 100 Perspectives in Philosophy (HUM) 	
Required Major Courses	32
BIO 120 General Zoology	4
BIO 125 General Botany	4
BIO 215 Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIO 306 Human Anatomy	4
BIO 326 General Microbiology	4
BIO 328 Human Physiology	4
BIO *** 300- or 400-level BIO/ENS Course (requires approval of adviser)	4
CHE 102 General Chemistry II	4
Pittsburgh School of Mortuary Science	26
Upper-level Major Courses (fourth year of program)	26
Free Electives	21
<p>Students are recommended to take courses leading to a minor in Business Administration, Psychology or another area of interest. The following courses are suggested choices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACC 200 Financial Accounting • ART 388 Sculpture Studio 	21

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSY 211 Social Psychology• BUS 100 Intro to Business (SS)	
Total	120

Additional requirements, not counted toward the General Education requirements, include:

- **Special Experience Course (1 course required):** Any Special Experience Course
- **Writing-Intensive Component Courses (2 courses required):** Any Upper-Division Writing Component Course
- **Laboratory Course (1 course required):** BIO 215 Cellular and Molecular Biology

Program Note: Student must complete 48 credits of 300- or 400-level courses. The curriculum includes 42 upper-level credits.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/biology/pre-professional/mortuary-science/index.aspx>