

MORTUARY SCIENCE

It takes a strong person to take on the responsibility of dealing with death and deceased bodies, but it is a very rewarding study. Morticians and funeral directors are careers that deal directly with these things. Mortuary science is the program that leads to these types of jobs. Though not flashy careers, they are still very important to society. You'll need both a background in science as well as an understanding of human interaction. Wayne State will provide you with both. You'll study biology courses and learn how to interact with families who have lost loved ones. With the mortuary science degree program, you'll be well prepared for a future career in hospitals and funeral homes. You know it will be tough sometimes, but Wayne State is here to provide you with the tools and training you need to take on a sometimes difficult but very rewarding job.

fast facts

Hours:

53-54 hours in the major
30 hours in general education
30 hours (one clinical year) at affiliate mortuary science school

At least 120 hours are required for graduation from Wayne State College. You may add electives or a minor to help meet these requirements.

Degrees offered: This program is set up so you will receive your B.A. or B.S. from WSC. You'll spend three years at WSC, then a final year at a school with a professional mortuary science program.

Department: Life Sciences

School: Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

Popular minors: Chemistry, Psychology, Sociology

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Evolutionary processes
- Human anatomy and physiology
- Biological systems and structures
- Experimental plant science
- Microbiology
- Molecular genetics
- General and organic chemistry
- Research, data collection, and analysis
- Modern lab techniques
- Understanding of death and grief processes

Possible Careers

- Mortician
- Mortuary assistant
- Autopsy technician
- Funeral home director
- Funeral service manager
- Undertaker
- Embalmer
- Medical examiner
- Grief counselor
- Mortuary science educator

Types of Employers

- Funeral homes
- Counseling centers
- Hospitals and medical clinics
- City or county morgues
- Crematoriums
- Funeral home supply companies
- Embalming chemical companies
- Mortuary science schools

outside the classroom



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Activities / Opportunities

- Conduct research projects
- Conferences and presentations
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

Clubs / Organizations

- Active Minds
- Biology Club
- Health Science Club
- Psi Chi (International Honor Society)
- Psychology / Sociology Club
- Red Cross Club

Sample program of study

2022-23 Academic Year

Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. There is no substitute for developing a careful course registration plan in consultation with your advisor. The class sequence listed is suggested only. The final decision rests with the student and academic advisor.

Students will transfer to an approved program to complete a full course of instruction at an accredited school of mortuary science.

Freshman - 1st semester

BIO 110 Biology Concepts (General Studies CAT 7).....	4
CHE 106 General Chemistry I.....	4
ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1).....	3
Elective.....	3

Freshman - 2nd semester

CHE 107 General Chemistry II.....	4
CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2).....	3
MAT 121 College Algebra (General Studies CAT 3).....	3
*PGH 200 Intro to Personal, Public, and Global Health (General Studies CAT 9).....	3
PSY 101 General Psychology (General Studies CAT 5).....	3

Sophomore - 1st semester

BIO 220 Human Anatomy.....	4
BUS 240 Accounting I.....	3
ENG 150 Topics in Literature (General Studies CAT 6).....	3
General Studies CAT 8.....	3
Elective.....	3

Sophomore - 2nd semester

*BIO 104 Environmental Concerns (General Studies CAT 10).....	3
BIO 340 Human Physiology.....	4
BUS 241 Accounting II.....	3
CHE 208 Intro to Organic Chemistry.....	4
General Studies CAT 4.....	3

Junior - 1st semester

BIO 320 Molecular Genetics.....	4
PHY 201 General Physics I.....	3
PHY 321 General Physics I lab.....	1
Elective.....	3
Elective (300 level or above from any department).....	3

Junior - 2nd semester

*Electives.....	9
Elective (300 level or above from any department).....	6-7

Senior - 1st semester

HSC 498 Clinical Programs.....	15
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Senior - 2nd semester

HSC 498 Clinical Programs.....	15
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*Electives: Choose 9 hours from the courses listed below (must include 3 hours of PSY or CSL):

BIO 385 Microbiology.....	4
BUS 222 Business Law I.....	3
CSL 202 Intro to Human Services.....	3
PSY 316 Social Psychology.....	3
PSY 406 Death and Dying.....	3
SOC 350 Religion and Culture.....	3
SOC 415 The Family.....	3

*Course is recommended but not required for this General Studies CAT.

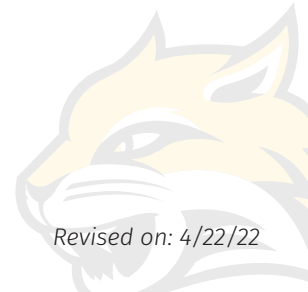
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