



UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY

Established in 1857

Mortuary Science

The Mortuary Science major prepares students for a career as a mortician. Many states currently require morticians to have a four-year degree in order to practice as a licensed mortician. Students majoring in Mortuary Science complete 90 hours (three years) at Upper Iowa University. This is followed by 30 hours (one year) at an accredited school of Mortuary Science that has an articulation agreement with Upper Iowa University. Upon completion of the Mortuary Science program students will earn a Bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science from Upper Iowa University.

Major in Mortuary Science

CHEM 151: General Chemistry I
CHEM 152: General Chemistry II

Students majoring in Mortuary Science must also complete 20 hours of coursework in Biology.

After students majoring in Mortuary Science have completed 90 hours of coursework at Upper Iowa University, they will need to complete the final 30 hours at an accredited college of Mortuary Science that has an articulation agreement with Upper Iowa University.

Biology Electives

The courses listed below are Biology electives that Mortuary Science majors can choose from to complete their 20 hours of coursework in Biology.

BIO 200: Cell Biology
BIO 210: Microbiology
BIO 240: Pathology
BIO 268: Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology
BIO 270: Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIO 275: Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 300: Genetics
BIO 303: Experiences in Health Science Careers
BIO 305: Molecular Genetics
BIO 330: Vertebrate Histology
BIO 340: Evolution
BIO 352: Parasitology

Activities & Resources

Mortuary Science majors are encouraged to join and actively participate in campus, regional, and national organizations to develop communication and interpersonal skills. Some of these organizations include:

UIU Intercollegiate Athletics
UIU Campus Events Council
UIU Student Government

UIU Fraternities and Sororities
UIU Science and Environmental Club
UIU *Collegian* Newspaper

Affiliated Institutions

The following institutions have approved articulation agreements with Upper Iowa University:

- ◇ **Worsham College of Mortuary Science, Chicago, IL**
- ◇ **Mid-America Funeral College, Jeffersonville, IN**

Both of the above listed schools are commonly used by Upper Iowa University Mortuary Science majors to complete their last 30 hours of study.

Internships

Internships are strongly recommended for students majoring in Mortuary Science. Internships provide students with “real world” experience and enable them to put their skills to work. The most common internship placements for Mortuary Science majors are with local funeral homes.

Career Opportunities

The Mortuary Science major prepares students to begin a career as a mortician immediately after graduation. Examples of what recent Upper Iowa University Mortuary Science graduates are doing include:

- ◇ **David Farber** — Completed Mortuary Science program at Worsham College of Mortuary Science
- ◇ **Jon Scranton** — Completed Mortuary Science program at Worsham College of Mortuary Science

Faculty

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B.A. Upper Iowa University
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