

MUSIC & WORSHIP (M.A.) - WORSHIP MUSIC STUDIES

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
<i>Foundational Studies Courses</i>		
MUSC 524	Analytical Techniques	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
<i>Worship Studies Courses</i>		
WRSP 501	Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 502	A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 520	The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WRSP 540	Current Issues in Worship	3
<i>Research Studies Courses</i>		
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research ¹	3
Research Studies Elective ^{2,3}		0
Total Hours		24

¹ Any student who needs to enroll in WRSP 689 more than three times must seek School of Music Administration approval.

² Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 687³ or WRSP 690³

³ Any student who will not be able to complete and defend his/her thesis, ministry project, or lecture recital in the course of a single semester may be required to repeat WRSP 689 each semester until deemed ready for enrollment in WMUS 687 or WRSP 690.

Code	Title	Hours
Worship Music Studies Cognate		
ETHM 511 or MUSC 620	Introduction to Ethnomusicology or Music in America	3
WMUS 610	Planning and Leading Modern Worship	3
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
Worship Music Studies Elective ¹		3
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All Applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 39 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
WRSP 501	Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
WRSP 502	A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 520	The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Third Semester		
ETHM 511 or MUSC 620	Introduction to Ethnomusicology or Music in America	3
MUSC 524	Analytical Techniques	3
Hours		6
Fourth Semester		
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
Worship Music Studies Elective ¹		3
Hours		6
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
WMUS 610	Planning and Leading Modern Worship	3
Worship Music Studies Elective ¹		3
Hours		6
Sixth Semester		
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 540	Current Issues in Worship	3
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research	3
Research Studies Elective ²		0
Hours		6
Total Hours		39

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