

WORSHIP STUDIES (M.A.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

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>		
WRSP 501	Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
<i>Worship Studies Courses</i>		
WRSP 502	A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 520	The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
<i>Practical Skills in Worship Courses</i>		
Practical Skills in Worship Elective ¹		3
Practical Skills in Worship Elective ¹		3
<i>Research Studies Courses</i>		
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research ^{2,3}	3
Research Studies Elective ^{3,4}		0
Total Hours		27

¹ Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 524, WMUS 525, WMUS 550, WMUS 600, WMUS 610, WMUS 630, WRSP 530, WRSP 540, WRSP 545, WRSP 551, WRSP 645.

² Any student who needs to enroll in WRSP 689 more than three times must seek School of Music administration approval.

³ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in their choice of WMUS 687 or WRSP 690 after completing WRSP 689 may be required to repeat WRSP 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in WMUS 687 or WRSP 690.

⁴ Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 687³ or WRSP 690³.

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Counseling Cognate		
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ¹		3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ¹		3

¹ Choose one of the following courses: PACO 509, PACO 603, or PACO 604.

All Applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 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
- 2.0 GPA
- 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 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
Practical Skills Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
WRSP 502	A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
Hours		9
Third Semester		
WRSP 520	The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
Cognate Elective ²		3
Hours		9
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research	3
Cognate Elective ²		3
Practical Skills Elective ¹		3
Research Studies Elective ³		0
Hours		9
Total Hours		36

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