

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. 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
Core Courses		
WRSP 801	Historical Developments of Christian Worship	3
WRSP 805	Foundations of Doctoral Research in Worship	3
WRSP 810	Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship	3
WRSP 812	Cultural Contextualization in Christian Worship	3
WRSP 820	History and Practice of Congregational Song	3
WRSP 835	Theology of Christian Worship	3
WRSP 840	Current Trends and Transitions in Christian Worship	3
WRSP 845	Philosophy of Music and Christian Worship	3
WRSP 846	Spiritual Formation, Worship, and the Church	3
WRSP 851	Planning and Leading Christian Worship	3
Total Hours		30

Code	Title	Hours
Teaching in Higher Education Courses		
MUSC 845	The Role of the College Music Teacher	3
Total Hours		3

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		9

¹ Choose a 500-900 level course not already applying to the degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Research Courses		
WRSP 915	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
or WRSP 917	Qualitative Methods of Research	
Total Hours		3

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Writing Courses		
WRSP 987	Dissertation I	5
WRSP 988	Dissertation II	5
WRSP 989	Dissertation III ^{1,2}	5
WRSP 990	Dissertation Defense ¹	0
Total Hours		15

¹ Any student who is not ready for enrollment in WRSP 990 after completing WRSP 989 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat WRSP 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in WRSP 990.

² Any student who requires more than three enrollments in WRSP 989 must receive approval from the School of Music administration for each enrollment beyond the third.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree 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 7 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 805	Foundations of Doctoral Research in Worship	3
WRSP 915	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
or WRSP 917	or Qualitative Methods of Research	
Hours		6
Second Semester		
WRSP 801	Historical Developments of Christian Worship	3
WRSP 810	Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
First Semester		
WRSP 820	History and Practice of Congregational Song	3
WRSP 835	Theology of Christian Worship	3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
WRSP 846	Spiritual Formation, Worship, and the Church	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		6
Third Year		
First Semester		
MUSC 845	The Role of the College Music Teacher	3
WRSP 845	Philosophy of Music and Christian Worship	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9

Course	Title	Hours
Second Semester		
WRSP 840	Current Trends and Transitions in Christian Worship	3
WRSP 851	Planning and Leading Christian Worship	3
Hours		6
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
WRSP 812	Cultural Contextualization in Christian Worship	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		6
Second Semester		
WRSP 987	Dissertation I	5
Hours		5
Fifth Year		
First Semester		
WRSP 988	Dissertation II	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
WRSP 989	Dissertation III ²	5
WRSP 990	Dissertation Defense ²	0
Hours		5
Total Hours		60

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