

MUSIC EDUCATION (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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
Foundational Studies Courses		
MUSC 801	Historical Developments Influencing Music Education	3
MUSC 805	Foundations of Doctoral Research in Music Education	3
MUSC 807	Literature Review for Music Education	3
MUSC 835	Philosophies of Music Education	3
WRSP 810	Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Music Education Studies Courses		
MUSC 820	The Music Educator	3
MUSC 840	Current Issues in Music Education	3
MUSC 845	The Role of the College Music Teacher	3
MUSC 846	Role Music Educ Administrator	3
MUSC 851	Community, Culture and Relationship in Music Education	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Elective Courses		
Elective ^{1,2}		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose one of the courses listed in the Education Elective Courses table below.

² Other Masters and Doctoral level courses which support the purpose of the Ph.D. in Music Education may be approved on a case by case basis by the School of Music Online Chair or School of Music Online Dean.

Code	Title	Hours
Research Courses		
MUSC 915	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
MUSC 917	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
Total Hours		6

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Writing Courses		
MUSC 982	Qualitative Comprehensive Exam	0
or MUSC 983	Quantitative Comprehensive Exam	
MUSC 987	Dissertation I	5
MUSC 988	Dissertation II	5
MUSC 989	Dissertation III ¹	5

Code	Title	Hours
MUSC 990	Dissertation Defense ¹	0
Total Hours		15

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

Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education Elective Course Options*

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Music</i>		
MUSC 843	The Music Educator as Advocate	3
MUSC 850	Applied Music	3
MUSC 870	Curriculum Development	3
<i>Worship Studies</i>		
WRSP 801	Historical Developments of Christian Worship	3
WRSP 811	Principles of Ethno-doxology	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	Growth, Development, and Spiritual Formation	3
WRSP 851	Planning and Leading Christian Worship	3
WRSP 997	Advanced Seminar in Worship Studies	3
<i>Education</i>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies	3
EDUC 731	Instructional Design Theory	3
EDUC 735	Issues and Trends in Curriculum and Instruction	3
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership	3
EDUC 742	Educational Leadership and Public Relations	3
EDUC 747	Advanced Educational Law	3
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
EDUC 840	Issues and Trends in Educational Leadership	3
EDUC 872	Research in Curriculum Design and Development	3

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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