MUSIC & WORSHIP (M.A.) - COMMERCIAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. 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		
Foundational Studies Courses		
MUSC 524	Analytical Techniques [1]	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
Worship Studies Courses		
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
Research Studies Courses		
WMUS 691	Worship Lecture Recital [2]	0
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 689	Capstone in Music and Worship [3]	3
Total Hours		**24**

1. Students must successfully complete the Graduate Music Theory Assessment or enroll in and successfully complete MUSC 522 as a prerequisite to MUSC 524.
2. Any student who will not be able to complete and defend his/her 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 691.
3. Any student who needs to enroll in WRSP 689 more than three times must seek School of Music Administration approval.

Code	Title	Hours
Commercial Music Performance Cognate		
MUSC 589	Graduate Ensemble	1
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WMUS 550	Applied Music	3
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Commercial Music Performance Elective [1]		3
Total Hours		**15**

1. Choose 3 credits from the following: MUSC 510, MUSC 515, MUSC 525, MUSC 531, MUSC 620, MUSC 630, MUSC 640, MUSC 646, MUSC 660, MUSC 670, MUSC 675, MUSC 681, MUSC 697; WMUS 515, WMUS 525, WMUS 526, WMUS 600, WMUS 610, WMUS 630, WMUS 637, WMUS 638, WMUS 670, WMUS 697.

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 Format

Course Sequence

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
WRSP 501 or WRSP 510	Principles of Worship and Ministry [1] or Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
WRSP 635 or WRSP 540	Building a Theology of Worship [1] or Current Issues in Worship	3
WMUS 550	Applied Music	3
MUSC 589	Graduate Ensemble	1
	Hours	**10**
Second Semester		
WRSP 502 or WRSP 520	A History of Worship Music [1] or The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WMUS 550	Applied Music	3
MUSC 524	Analytical Techniques	3
MUSC 589	Graduate Ensemble	1
	Hours	**10**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
WRSP 510 or WRSP 501	Biblical Foundations of Worship [1] or Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 540 or WRSP 635	Current Issues in Worship [1] or Building a Theology of Worship	3
WMUS 550	Applied Music	3
MUSC 589	Graduate Ensemble	1
	Hours	**10**
Fourth Semester		
WRSP 520 or WRSP 502	The Role of the Worship Leader [1] or A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 689	Capstone in Music and Worship	3
WMUS 691	Worship Lecture Recital	0
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0

Commercial Music Performance Elective [2]	3
Hours	**9**
Total Hours	**39**

[1] These courses are alternatingly offered ever other fall term. Students should enroll in whichever course is offered in the present semester.

[2] Choose 3 credits from the following: MUSC 510, MUSC 515, MUSC 525, MUSC 531, MUSC 620, MUSC 630, MUSC 640, MUSC 646, MUSC 660, MUSC 670, MUSC 675, MUSC 681, MUSC 69

All applicable prerequisites must be met