

# WORSHIP STUDIES (M.A.) - AFRICAN AMERICAN WORSHIP

**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
<b>Foundational Studies Courses</b>		
WRSP 501	Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Worship Studies Courses</b>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>African American Studies Cognate</b>		
WRSP 631	Spiritual Formation for Leading African American Worship	3
Choose two of the following:		6
WRSP 632	Emerging Issues in African American Worship	
WRSP 641	Team Building in African American Worship	
WRSP 671	God's People and the History of African American Worship	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Practical Skills in Worship Courses</b>		
Choose two of the following courses		6
WMUS 524	Analytical Techniques for the Worship Leader	
WMUS 525	Advanced Contemporary Arranging Techniques for Worship	
WMUS 550	Applied Music	
WMUS 600	Music Resources and Literature for Worship Leading	
WMUS 610	Tools and Techniques for Contemporary Worship	
WMUS 630	Principles of Worship Technology	
WRSP 530	Principles of Leadership for the Worship Leader	
WRSP 540	Current Issues in Worship	
WRSP 545	Global Worship	
WRSP 551	Building a Balanced Worship Ministry	
WRSP 645	The Role of the Pastor with the Worship Leader	

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research Studies Courses</b>		
WMUS 692	Graduate Music and Worship Comprehensive Exam	0
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research <sup>1,2</sup>	3
Choose one of the following courses:		
WMUS 687	Music and Worship Ministry Project <sup>2,3</sup>	
WMUS 691	Worship Lecture Recital <sup>2,3</sup>	
WRSP 690	Thesis <sup>2,3</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Any student who needs to enroll in WRSP 689 more than 3 times must seek School of Music administration approval.

<sup>2</sup> Any student who is not ready for enrollment in their choice of WMUS 687, WMUS 691, or WRSP 690 after completing WRSP 689 may be required to repeat WRSP 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in WMUS 687, WMUS 691, or WRSP 690.

<sup>3</sup> Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 687<sup>2</sup>, WMUS 691<sup>2</sup>, or WRSP 690<sup>2</sup>

*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
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
WRSP 501	Principles of Worship and Ministry	3
WRSP 510	Biblical Foundations of Worship	3
Practical Skills Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
WRSP 502	A History of Worship Music	3
WRSP 631	Spiritual Formation for Leading African American Worship	3
WRSP 650	Bibliography & Research in Music & Worship	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
WRSP 520	The Role of the Worship Leader	3
WRSP 635	Building a Theology of Worship	3
Cognate Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Cognate Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Practical Skills Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
WRSP 689	Master's Thesis Proposal and Research	3
Research Studies Elective <sup>3</sup>		0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 524, 525, 550, 600, 610, 630, WRSP 530, 540, 545, 551, or 645

<sup>2</sup> Choose one of the following courses: WRSP 632, 641, or 671

<sup>3</sup> Choose one of the following courses: WMUS 687, 691, or WRSP 690