

# MASTER OF ARTS IN WORSHIP STUDIES (M.A.)

*(Non-Music Degree)*

## Purpose

The *Master of Arts in Worship Studies* is a 42-hour non-music graduate program that provides students opportunity to study and practice:

1. context-specific biblical and theological competencies in worship;
2. worship theories practical to the local church; and
3. career-specific principles as applied to leadership, worship techniques, pastoral counseling or ethnomusicology.

The goal is to develop student knowledge and expertise to excel in a variety of worship cultures and contexts within the evangelical community.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Create a worship strategy based on biblical, theological, and philosophical foundations of worship.
- Synthesize principles of critical contextualization for application to current issues confronting worship leaders in the evangelical tradition.
- Evaluate literature and research of the discipline for application to the professional practices of worship leaders in the evangelical tradition.

## Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the *Master of Arts in Worship Studies* program must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of an earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education e.g., SACS, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale). Applicants with a GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 (on a 4.00 scale) may be considered for admission on Academic Caution.
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper –based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

## Transfer Credit

Transfer students will be required to submit transcripts for evaluation as per the normal process established by the University. Students may transfer a maximum of 21 hours of coursework from an accredited institution. In order to be eligible for transfer, course work must have a minimum grade of C-, and must have been completed within the past 10 years. Credits from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

## Programs of Study Delivery Format: Residential and Online

- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Ethnomusicology
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Leadership
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Worship Techniques

## Delivery Format: Online Only

- Worship Studies (M.A.)
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - African-American Worship
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Pastoral Counseling
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Songwriting
- Worship Studies (M.A.) - Worship Technology

## Career Opportunities

- Choir director
- Director of international worship ministries
- Director of worship ministries
- Minister of music
- Missionary
- Professor
- Program director for contemporary worship
- Vocational worship leader
- Worship pastor