LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Worship Studies (D.W.S.)

2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES COURSES (9 hours)		Hrs	Sem	Grade
WRSP 801	Historical Developments of Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
WRSP 810	Biblical Foundations of Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
WRSP 835	Theology of Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
ADVANCED WORSHIP STUDIES COURSES (15 hours)				
WRSP 820	History & Practice of Congregational Song	3	_____	_____
WRSP 840	Current Trends & Transitions in Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
WRSP 845	Philosophy of Music & Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
WRSP 846	Growth, Development, & Spiritual Formation	3	_____	_____
WRSP 851	Planning & Leading Christian Worship	3	_____	_____
ELECTIVE COURSES (9 hours)				
_____	_____ [1,2]	3	_____	_____
_____	_____ [1,2]	3	_____	_____
_____	_____ [1,2]	3	_____	_____
RESEARCH STUDIES COURSES (12 hours)				
WRSP 880	Introduction to Thesis Writing Project	3	_____	_____
WRSP 888	Thesis Project Proposal & Research I	4	_____	_____
WRSP 889	Thesis Project Proposal & Research II[3]	5	_____	_____
WRSP 890	Thesis Project Defense	0	_____	_____
	TOTAL HOURS	**45**		

Graduation Requirements

Complete 45 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

Offered in Online Format

Notes

All Applicable prerequisites must be met

[1]Choose from the following: WRSP 501, 502, 510, 520, 530, 540, 545, 551, 631, 632, 635, 641, 645, 671, 811, 812, or 997.

[2]Other Masters and Doctoral level courses which support the purpose of the Doctor of Worship Studies may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the School of Music Online Chair or School of Music Online Dean

[3]Any student who is not ready for enrollment in WRSP 890 after completing WRSP 889 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat WRSP 889 until deemed ready for enrollment in WRSP 890

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester (Fall)		Second Semester (Spring)	
WRSP 801	3	WRSP 820	3
WRSP 810	3	WRSP 835	3
Total	6	Total	6

Third Semester (Summer)		Fourth Semester (Fall)	
Elective[1,2]	3	Elective[1,2]	3
WRSP 846[3]	3	WRSP 845	3
Total	6	Total	6

Fifth Semester (Spring)		Sixth Semester (Summer)	
WRSP 840	3	Elective[1,2]	3
WRSP 851	3	WRSP 880[3]	3
Total	6	Total	6

Seventh Semester (Fall)		Eighth Semester (Spring)	
WRSP 888	4	WRSP 889[4]	5
Total	4	WRSP 890	0
		Total	5

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[3]Intensive Format optional

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