Worship Leadership at Union University

Union University’s mission is to provide “Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.” The Worship Leadership program is designed to fulfill our mission by preparing students to lead others in corporate worship that is Biblically grounded, historically informed, and demographically appropriate so that the work of God in Christ may be exalted. Our curriculum has been designed to achieve this goal through an intentional sequence of courses, a variety of academic paths to involve diverse student populations, and instruction from a wide array of faculty with practical experiences as pastors, worship leaders, and music educators. If God has called you to lead others to worship Him, if you desire to explore that potential calling, or if you simply want to understand worship more fully, we invite you to join us in the journey.
Worship Leadership Degrees

Bachelor of Music with Emphasis in Worship Leadership
A professional music degree that incorporates the Worship Leadership curriculum along with a full complement of music courses, including extensive private lessons, ensemble experiences, and courses in Music Theory and Music History. An audition is required and students are eligible for financial aid through the Department of Music.

Bachelor of Arts in Worship Leadership with a Minor in Christian Studies
A liberal arts degree that combines the Worship Leadership curriculum with a minor in Christian Studies as well as introductory and intermediate musical training. No audition is required.

Minor in Worship Leadership
A 23-hour minor that is comprised of the Worship Leadership curriculum along with 4 semesters of private music lessons and/or ensemble experiences. No audition is required.

Worship Leadership Core Curriculum

WL 202  Biblical Foundations of Worship
Overview of Old and New Testament practices and principles related to worship.

WL 205  History of Christian Worship and Song
Examination of various practices in Christian worship from the early Church to present day. While a myriad of worship actions will be surveyed, particular attention will be given to the development and utilization of music in public and private worship settings.

WL 305  Theology and Practice of Worship
Exploration of a wide array of philosophies pertaining to Christian worship and how each affects elements of corporate worship. The ultimate goal is the development of a personal, working theology of worship. Practicum Included.

WL 310  Worship in Diverse Contexts
Applications within varied contexts of concepts, skills and philosophies learned during the Worship Leadership curriculum. Topics will consider diversity of ages, cultures, socio-economic conditions, and international settings. Practicum Included.

WL 312  Technology in Worship
Survey of current technology applicable to modern worship leadership, including sound reinforcement, video projection, and electronic media and a critical analysis their application.

WL 402  Worship Leadership Administration
Examination of necessary skills and helpful tools of the worship leader that are not directly related to the implementation of corporate worship. These include budgeting, conflict management, personal, professional and spiritual development, and team building. Practicum Included.

WL 484  Worship Leadership Internship
Capstone experience to include a full spectrum of Worship Leadership activities within the context of a local congregation and under the supervision of a designated faculty member and qualified full-time pastor or appropriate ministry staff member.