

## **Bachelor in Music Composition - Minor in Faith-Based Music Therapy**

**HBI University**

**Course Duration: 3 years**

**Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)**



### **Program Description**

The Bachelor in Music Composition at HBI University provides students with the skills and knowledge to create, arrange, and produce music for various applications, including film, worship, and performance. This program prepares students for careers in music composition, production, sound design, and music education.

The Minor in Faith-Based Music Therapy enhances this degree by integrating Christian principles into the healing power of music. Students will explore how music can be used in faith-based therapy, worship, and spiritual care to support emotional and mental well-being.

### **Admissions Requirements**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in music composition
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

### General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Philosophy	3
GEN 105	Introduction to World Religions	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
GEN 108	Research Methods	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Cross-Cultural Communication	3

### Core Music Composition Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MUS 201	Fundamentals of Music Theory	3
MUS 202	Harmony and Counterpoint	3
MUS 203	Orchestration and Arranging	3
MUS 204	Music Technology and Digital Composition	3
MUS 205	Advanced Composition Techniques	3
MUS 206	Music Production and Sound Engineering	3
MUS 207	Film Scoring and Media Composition	3
MUS 208	Jazz and Contemporary Music Composition	3
MUS 209	Choral and Sacred Music Composition	3
MUS 210	Music Psychology and Aesthetics	3
MUS 211	Music Business and Publishing	3
MUS 212	World Music and Cross-Cultural Composition	3
MUS 213	Improvisation and Creative Expression	3
MUS 214	Historical Perspectives in Music Composition	3

MUS 215	Capstone: Original Composition and Performance Project	3
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### Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC 301	Sacred Music and Liturgy	3
ELEC 302	Music Therapy Techniques for Special Needs	3
ELEC 303	Faith-Based Music and Community Engagement	3
ELEC 304	Healing Through Gospel and Worship Music	3
ELEC 305	Soundscapes for Meditation and Prayer	3

### Minor in Faith-Based Music Therapy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FMT 401	Faith and Healing Through Music	3
FMT 402	Music Therapy in Worship and Spiritual Care	3
FMT 403	Christian Perspectives on Sound and Emotion	3
FMT 404	Therapeutic Songwriting and Guided Meditation	3
FMT 405	Music Therapy for Trauma and Mental Wellness	3

### Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project in Music Composition allows students to apply composition, performance, and music therapy techniques to real-world applications. Students will:

- Compose an original worship album or therapeutic music set.
- Conduct research on music therapy and its impact on emotional well-being.
- Create a faith-based music therapy program for community healing.
- Present their compositions and findings through a performance and research paper.

### Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Master music composition, orchestration, and digital production techniques.
- Integrate faith-based principles into music therapy and healing.

- Utilize music to support worship, emotional healing, and spiritual reflection.
- Develop original compositions for use in religious and secular settings.
- Lead music therapy initiatives in healthcare, education, and faith-based organizations.

### Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Music Composer	\$50,000 - \$120,000
Faith-Based Music Therapist	\$45,000 - \$100,000
Worship Leader and Composer	\$40,000 - \$90,000
Sound Designer for Religious Media	\$50,000 - \$110,000
Music Educator and Therapist	\$45,000 - \$100,000