

PhD in Music Composition,

Minor in Sacred Music

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105



Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Music Composition at HBIU University is designed to develop highly skilled composers, researchers, and educators who seek to advance the field of music composition through innovation, scholarly research, and artistic expression. This program provides an in-depth exploration of advanced compositional techniques, music theory, orchestration, electronic and digital composition, and the historical and cultural influences on music creation. By integrating both theoretical frameworks and applied composition, graduates will be equipped to contribute to academia, professional composition, film scoring, and contemporary music production.

The Minor in Sacred Music specialization offers a focused study on the role of composition in religious and liturgical settings. This specialization explores topics such as composing for worship, historical and contemporary sacred music traditions, hymnody, choral and instrumental arrangements for faith-based settings, and the theological implications of music in spiritual practice. Students will gain the skills to create music that enhances religious ceremonies, worship experiences, and

faith-based artistic expression, preparing them for roles in church music leadership, sacred music publishing, and academic research in religious music traditions.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in a relevant field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- GRE scores (if applicable)
- Statement of Purpose (1,000-1,500 words) outlining research interests
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Interview with faculty (if required)

Core Foundational Courses (60 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PH.D 701	Advanced Theories in the Field	3
PH.D 702	Applied Research Methods	3
PH.D 703	Leadership and Ethics	3
PH.D 704	Strategic Decision Making	3
PH.D 705	Policy and Governance	3
PH.D 706	Crisis and Risk Management	3
PH.D 707	Innovation in the Field	3
PH.D 708	Global Perspectives	3
PH.D 709	Case Study Analysis	3
PH.D 710	Capstone in the Field	3

Minor in Sacred Music (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MINO 701	Introduction to the Minor Field	3
MINO 702	Ethics and Best Practices	3
MINO 703	Case Studies and Applications	3
MINO 704	Policy and Governance in the Minor	3
MINO 705	Capstone Project in the Minor	3

Research, Dissertation, and Defense (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DISR 801	Research Methods in Human Resources	3
DISR 802	Theoretical Frameworks in HR Research	3
DISR 803	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	3
DISR 804	Dissertation Proposal Development	3
DISR 805	Data Collection and Analysis	3
DISR 806	Dissertation Writing: Literature Review	3
DISR 807	Dissertation Writing: Methodology	3
DISR 808	Dissertation Writing: Findings and Analysis	3
DISR 809	Dissertation Defense Preparation	3
DISR 810	Final Dissertation Defense	3

Program Outcomes

- Conduct advanced research in PhD in music composition.
- Develop expertise in minor in sacred music and its applications.
- Lead policy, research, and practical implementation in the field.
- Contribute to academic and industry advancements.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
HR Director (Corporate/Non-Profit)	\$90,000 - \$160,000
Organizational Development Consultant	\$85,000 - \$150,000
Talent Acquisition Specialist	\$75,000 - \$130,000
University Professor (HRM)	\$80,000 - \$140,000
HR Policy Analyst	\$85,000 - \$135,000
Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO)	\$120,000 - \$250,000