



Worship Arts

Prepare for a career in worship design and leadership. Northwestern College's interdisciplinary worship arts major will give you a solid theological foundation and develop your creative, artistic and leadership abilities with courses in religion, theatre and music, as well as in art, communications and English.

The art of worship

The role of worship arts impacts everything from the greeters at the door to the graphics on the screen, from testimonies shared and Scripture presented, to the songs sung and the words spoken from the pulpit or platform. Prepare for a career as a worship leader or member of a worship leadership team that creates moving, theologically sound church worship. Learn to stimulate multiple senses of diverse worshippers to engage them in a transcendent, transformative worship experience.

As a worship arts major, you will learn to:

VALUE and explain the history of each element of Christian worship in the life of the local church.

ENVISION and craft a series of worship services for a particular congregation or body of worshippers.

ARTICULATE clearly and communicate effectively about worship and during worship.

EQUIP and empower other worship leaders and worshippers.

SYNTHESIZE the artistry of corporate worship in service of a single story.

ASSESS the planning, fulfillment and impact of a past worship service to inform future worship services.

REFINE worship through taking calculated risks and growing from both success and failure.

Courses

In addition to a required practicum in worship arts that may be fulfilled either through our campus chapel program or in an area church or other worship setting, courses in the worship arts major will expose you to varied theological and arts learning. Among your courses will be options like these:

- Biblical Interpretation and Theology
- Christian Spirituality
- History of Christianity
- Leadership Development
- Leading Music for Worship in a Changing Culture
- Music of the Church
- Story and Worship
- The Heart of Worship
- Theology of Worship
- Worship Technology
- Worship Words

Learning from experience

Among the professors in the worship arts program are scholars and artists who have led church worship themselves, including theatre professor Jeff Barker, an experienced church worship leader, author of *The Storytelling Church*, and a published playwright who has scripted passages from the Bible for the stage. Other courses will be taught by Northwestern religion professors who are ordained pastors and have extensive church ministry and mission experience.

To learn more about the worship arts program and classes:

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