The Worship Arts major is an interdisciplinary program of the Center for Worship in the Performing Arts, which is grounded in the study of communication and designed to equip graduates to serve ministries as a worship developer and coordinator.

Our program is designed to:

- Prepare students to lead and produce worship celebrations in diverse settings.
- Prepare students to integrate basic Christian doctrine, the history and theology of worship and administration in church and parachurch settings.
- Encourage students to develop a sensitivity to the particular needs of their congregations.
- Prepare students to develop an understanding and appreciation for the interrelationship of music, drama, and media in supporting the worship experience.
- Enable students to demonstrate proficiency in speech and writing as well as use of media and programming for the performing arts in worship.

**PROGRAM DISTINCTIVES**

- The Worship Arts Program features a unique blend of theory and practice, consisting of:
  - A core foundation in communication arts, Bible, and music.
  - A specialty concentration to provide skills in one of the major worship areas.
  - More worship-specific classes than found in any other undergraduate curriculum in the country.
- Through internships and the chapel ministry teams, students gain ample leadership experience as early as freshman year and take advantage of the rich diversity of the Body of Christ found in churches and worship areas in and around Chicago.
- Students can study at the Contemporary Music Center in Nashville, Tenn.
- Faculty members serve in local churches, sharing with students during the week what they share with their congregations on the weekends.
CAREER PATHWAYS

With the academic, personal, and professional skills gained through these majors, graduates can pursue rewarding careers as:

- Worship Pastors
- Worship Leaders
- Creative Arts Directors
- Youth Pastors
- Assistant Chapel Directors
- Independent Recording Artists
- Voice Teachers
- Piano Teachers
- Contemporary Worship Directors
- Church Planters
- Missionaries
- Videographers
- Contemporary Visual Artists
- Photographers
- Drama Directors

RECENT ALUMNI HAVE ATTENDED THESE GRADUATE SCHOOLS AND SEMINARIES:

- Northern Seminary
- Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies
- West Coast Bible Seminary

ORGANIZATIONS WHERE ALUMNI ARE EMPLOYED:

- Willow Creek Community Church
- Spotlight Youth Theatre
- GreenRoom Productions
- Fox Valley Christian Action
- Christ Church of Oak Brook
- Willowdale Chapel, Kennett Square, PA
- Harvest Bible Chapel, Fountain Hills, AZ

ABOUT JUDSON

Judson University ranks consistently among the Top Tier of Regional Colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. A fully accredited, private Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions, Judson offers Bachelor of Arts degrees for more than 50 majors/minors as well as adult degree programs and graduate programs. All majors offer opportunities for students to engage in internships, practicums, service-learning, or field experiences. Students also gain cross-cultural understanding through service-learning, mission trips, or studying abroad. Located just 40 minutes northwest of downtown Chicago, Judson offers a close-knit, Christian community with the benefits of a large urban setting, ideal for cultural activities, internships, and life after graduation.

FINANCIAL AID

Judson offers financial aid options for 90 percent of its students. Find out just how much value our students receive by visiting campus and meeting with our financial aid officers, who work to help students afford a Judson education. Scholarships for academics, and co-curricular activities, such as athletics, music, and theatre are available to all majors.

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ALUMNI & FACULTY

MATT ARCHIBALD, Worship Arts, 2004; 
Director of Worship, Gurnee Community Church

“At Judson, I was really trained to understand what it meant to lead worship, in addition to what it meant to be a good musician. The theology and history we studied helped form a foundation for what it means to be a worship leader today. The professors who teach in the Worship Arts program all serve in local churches in different capacities (music, art, drama), so they bring real-world experience into the classroom every day. On top of that, because Judson is so close to Chicago, they regularly bring in worship-leading professionals from all around the city to enhance your learning. The curriculum, all together, is like a perfect storm. They have all the bases covered, so as a student, you never feel you’re getting the short end of the stick.”

MARK A. TORGERSON, PH.D., Chair of Worship Arts

“Worship is initiated by revelation from God and invites our response to God’s activity. Our goal at Judson University is excellence in all dimensions of worship studies. Our Worship Arts curriculum explores the biblical and historical roots of worship so that we can understand more about God, ourselves, and the world around us. The theological insights we gain inform and inspire our application of artistic skills to developing creative worship expressions (spoken, sung, and performed). Implementing leadership in on-campus and off-campus celebrations builds experience and confidence. Our graduates are prepared for a lifetime of service and on-going learning.”

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