

Worship Studies

The IBC Worship Studies degree is a unique program blending music and media

with a heart for ministry integrating the essential skills to prepare biblically grounded worship experiences. This degree includes four areas of study:

- Bible and Theology Core
- Musicianship Core
- Worship Core
- Media and Technology Core

The Bible and Theology Core includes 40 college credits. Some of the courses that are required include:

- Book of Acts
- Poetic Books
- Christian World View
- Principles of Holiness
- Christology
- Soteriology

The Musicianship Core includes 44 college credits. Some of the courses that are required include:

- Music Theory
- Sightsinging
- Ear Training
- Vocal Techniques
- Guitar Class
- Church Music Administration
- Conducting and Rehearsal Techniques
- Music Composition
- Child and Youth Music
- Piano Lessons

The Worship Core includes 24 college credits. Some of the courses that are required include:

- Biblical Foundations of Worship
- Leading Music for Worship

- Worship Ministry Leadership
- Songwriting and Arranging for Worship
- Worship Band Fundamentals
- Principles of Music and Worship

The Media & Technology Core includes eight college credits. Some of the courses that are required include:

- Music Technology
- Sound Reinforcement Technology
- Media and Graphic Design for Worship

The IBC student worship leaders will receive training in the following areas and more:

- Writing original musical compositions
- Composing original worship songs
- Audio recording and production
- Creating worship sets and media presentations
- Music theory and ear training
- Leading and rehearsing the worship band
- Leading corporate worship
- Theology and philosophy of worship

The IBC Worship Studies degrees will prepare student worship leaders to engage a generationally and ethnically diverse congregation and be well prepared for various career and ministry possibilities including:

- Minister of Music
- Worship Leader
- Pastor of Worship Arts
- Director of Worship Media and Technology
- Touring Musician or Vocalist
- Studio Recording Artist
- Songwriter
- Music and Worship Evangelist
- Worship Pastor
- Private Lesson Instructor
- Christian School Music Educator
- Global Missions Music and Worship Leader
- Preparation for graduate studies leading to a master's degree

Our Students



Amanda Burchette, IBC Senior - I have always loved every aspect of music, and I knew that I was called to IBC, so the obvious choice was to pursue a Bachelor in Music. The new degree program has made a great impact on my life. The program has added a few more classes, one of my favorites being

Foundations of Christian Worship, which gives the background on how worship has evolved from the Bible days until now.

Psalms 33:3 says: "Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise." This is the exact philosophy of the IBC instructors; they help us develop our craft/skill. They do not give up on us if we cannot get it at first, but they keep pushing us because they see something that we cannot see. I feel extremely grateful that there is a place that would invest so much time in training young ministers to go out and reach the people of this world. When I look back over the past three years at IBC, I cannot help but think, "I have come such a long way."



Marcus Patterson, IBC Junior - Before coming to IBC, I was attending a junior college in San Diego, CA, hoping to receive a degree in business. After two years, I realized I couldn't see myself being happy doing anything else but ministry. In addition to

that, musically, I felt like I needed to be in a more focused environment to learn more. As I began to consider taking this next step in my life of going away to Bible college, I felt the Lord was directing me toward IBC. I didn't know how we were going to pay for it, but God has provided every step of the way! My one-year plan of trying it out turned into a 4-year Worship Studies degree program.

The Lord knew exactly what He was doing when he put IBC on my heart. It has been a blessing to be able to minister with my fellow students in Choir, Chorale, Praise, and on MSA's all across the country. Through all of these experiences over the past two years, God has been molding and shaping me into what He wants me to be for His kingdom, and I couldn't be happier.



Cody Marshburn, IBC Junior - When I came to IBC, I planned to stay in the background and learn a little so I could go back and help my church's music department. But that didn't happen. I made Singers the first week of school and had a bass solo at Calvary Tabernacle that first month. Within two

months, I was going out almost every weekend on MSA trips in the surrounding states. Then my second year I made Chorale while I was also involved in music for the Live Recording. My second year ended with Chorale tour, which was phenomenal.

It's not only about the experiences I've had, though. The musical knowledge this school has to offer is immeasurable. Each one of the staff members is incredibly gifted. I didn't even know how much so until my first summer back home. I was helping my church's praise team in ways I didn't know I could. I was changing songs in services not because I wanted to but because I could feel God leading me to do so. If God has been leading you to IBC and you have any doubts, put them aside and give it a semester. I promise you won't regret it!