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## DOCTOR OF SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### Course requirements:

10 Units of Study

5 Units from any GTF online or distance course offerings

5 Units from the GTF or from transfer credit

*Research Methodology* is a required course for students completing the doctoral project

### Project requirements:

The student must nominate a Project Consultant using the online form found on the GTF website. Questions regarding the selection of a Project Consultant should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs

([academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org](mailto:academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org)).

**Doctoral Project** The D.S.M. project may take the form of a recital or lecture-recital, a choral/instrumental performance, the writing of a traditional thesis, the composition and performance of an original work or set of works, or the development of an in-ministry activity based on the student's particular area of interest and context need. The concept and format of the project can adhere to one of three distinct project formats as delineated below.

**Academic Project:** The D.S.M. project in its final form, if written in a thesis style, must be 35,000-40,000 words (140-160 pages), footnoted, with a table of contents and bibliography of a minimum of 35 sources. It is also recommended that the project have annotations for the 10-12 most important sources for the project. It must be written in 12 point Times New Roman (or comparable) font, double-spaced, with one-inch margins.

**Performance Project:** The student may submit a recording or video of recital, lecture-recital, the composition of an original work or set of works, or conducting performance. There must be a written component of a minimum 8,750 words (35 pages).

**Administrative / Ministerial Project:** The project should reflect the student's particular interests and/or context needs, such as the teaching of a series of classes on hymnody, the development and execution of a series of workshops, etc. The project must include a written component of 35,000-40,000 words (140-160 pages) and may include recordings or video if applicable.

When the project in its final form has been reviewed and approved by the student's Project Consultant, it must be submitted by the student to the GTF for final review. One copy of the doctoral project must be submitted by email to the Office of the Registrar ([registrar@gtfeducation.org](mailto:registrar@gtfeducation.org)). The following forms must be included:

Doctoral Project Sign Off (form 109)

Project Consultant's Report (form 114)

### Program deadlines:

All academic and financial requirements must be met within three years of date of admission to the program.

Please see the GTF website for further program information.