Academic Calendar
2023-2024

To prepare ministers who inspire the Church and the world to imagine, discover, and create God’s future.

*Dates are subject to change and will be updated as needed; all times are in Eastern Standard Time (EST)*

**Chapel on Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.

Fall 2023
New Student Orientation (Masters Online), 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. August 15 & 17
New Student Orientation (Masters Residential), 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. August 16
New Student Orientation (DMIN), virtual 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. August 17
First Day of Classes August 21
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:15-1:30 p.m., Theology Lounge August 21
Alumni Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. August 22
Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall August 22
Founders Day Luncheon, noon, TDR August 22
Drop/Add Period August 21 – 28
Labor Day Holiday—University Closed September 4
Spiritual Formation Retreat, required for THSP 511 September 7-8
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Start a Church/Ministry September 21
Mercer Preaching Retreat, Mercer Atlanta Campus September 25-26
  Keynote: Dr. Otis Moss, III
Student Advisement for Spring—Meet with Advisor All of October
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Be A Chaplain October 12
CPE Fair, virtual, 11:00-12:30 p.m. October 19
Last Day for Course Withdrawal October 26
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Be A Congregational Minister November 2
Early Registration for Spring begins, 9:00 a.m. November 7
Mercer Trustees Meeting November 10
Mercer Homecoming November 10-11
Admissions Application Deadline for Spring November 15
Theology Fall Break—No Theology Classes November 20-26
Thanksgiving Holiday—University Closed November 23-24
Last Day of Classes December 15
Grades Due December 20, noon
University Closed December 22-January 1

Spring 2024
New Student Orientation (Masters and DMIN) January 4
First Day of Classes January 8
Drop/Add Period January 8 – 16
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—University Closed January 15
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Work in Non-Profit February 1
Shrove Tuesday February 13
Ash Wednesday Ashes-to-Go February 14
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Be A Pastor February 15
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, TBA February TBA
Student Advisement for Summer and Fall—Meet with Advisor All of March
Spring Reading Week March 4 – 8
Wm. L. Self Preaching Lectures March 11-12
   Keynote Speaker – Dr. Teresa Fry Brown
Scholars Day Conference for Prospective Students March 11-12
Last Day for Course Withdrawal March 18
Lunch & Learn: So You Want to Be A Counselor March 21
Holy Week March 24-31
Good Friday/Easter Holiday—University Closed March 29-31
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due March 31
Early Registration for Summer & Fall begins, 8:30 a.m. April TBA
First Claypool Winner in Chapel April 9
Second Claypool Winner in Chapel April 16
Blessing of the Graduates April 23
Last Day of Classes May 3
Grades Due May 8, noon
Graduate Commissioning Service, TBA May 11
Commencement May 12

Summer 2024

Session One
First Day of Classes May 20
Drop/Add Period May 20 – 24
Memorial Day Holiday—University Closed May 27
Last Day for Course Withdrawal June 6
Last Day of Classes June 21
Grades Due June 24, noon

Session Two
First Day of Classes June 24
Drop/Add Period June 24 – 28
Independence Day—University Closed July 4
Last Day for Course Withdrawal July 12
Last Day of Classes July 26
Grades Due July 30, noon