



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Academic Calendar 2024-2025

Mercer University's School of Theology forms ministers and cultivates leaders who thrive spiritually, professionally, and academically in service with congregations, communities, and classrooms.

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

Community Fellowship 11:00-11:30 a.m. each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Fall 2024

New Student Orientation (Masters Online), 6:00-8:30 p.m.	August 13 and 15
New Student Orientation (Masters Residential), 10:00-5:00 p.m.	August 14
New Student Orientation (DMIN), virtual/on campus 9:00-12:00 p.m.	August 15
First Day of Classes	August 19
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:50-1:45pm Lunch, Theology Lounge	August 19
Alumni Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.	August 20
Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall	August 20
Founders Day Luncheon, noon, TDR	August 20
Last Day for Drop/Add	August 26
Digital Ministry Training, on campus & virtual, 12:00 p. m. -1:30 p.m.	August 28
Spiritual Formation Retreat, required for all THSP 511 students (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	August 29-30
Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.	August 31
Labor Day Holiday—University Closed	September 2
Women in Ministry Conference Cohort	September 9-12
Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.	September 14
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	September 16
Student Advisement for Spring—Meet with Advisor	All of October
Graduation Application for Spring/Summer 2025	October 1
Blessing of the Animals	October 1
Faith and Rural Health Summit, Macon campus	October 4
Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	October 12
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	October 21
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	October 21
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	November 1
DMIN "Write In" Day, students & faculty, on campus & virtual, 9:00-3:00 p.m.	November 1
Mercer Homecoming	November 2
Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	November 2
Early Registration for Spring begins, 9:00 a.m.	November 7
Veterans Day	November 11
Admissions Application Deadline for Spring	November 15
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	November 18
McAfee Thanksgiving Lunch, 12:30p.m.-1:45 p.m. (No Community Fellowship 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., see lunch above)	November 19
Theology Fall Break—No Theology Classes	November 25-29
Thanksgiving Holiday—University Closed	November 28-29

Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	December 7
Last Day of Classes	December 13
Grades Due, noon	December 17
University Closed	December 24-January 1

Spring 2025

New Student Orientation	January 2
First Day of Classes	January 6
Last Day for Drop/Add	January 13
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—University Closed	January 20
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	January 27
Wm. L. Self Preaching Lectures	February 10-11
Keynote Speaker – Rev. Dr. Elizabeth L. Hinson-Hasty	
Theme: (Preaching & Mental Health)	
Scholars Day Conference for Prospective Students	February 10-11
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	February 17
CPE Fair, on campus & online	February 27
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Little Rock, AR	February 17-20
Student Advisement for Summer and Fall—Meet with Advisor	All of March
Graduation Applications due for Fall 2025	March 1
Theology Spring Reading Week	March 3-7
Shrove Tuesday	March 4
Ash Wednesday	March 5
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	March 17
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	March 19
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	April 1
First Claypool Winner in Chapel	April 1
Early Registration for Summer & Fall begins, 9:00 a.m.	April TBA
Second Claypool Winner in Chapel	April 8
Holy Week	April 13-20
Good Friday/Easter Holiday—University Closed	April 18-20
Diversity & Inclusion Meeting, Theology Board Room & Zoom, 1:00-1:40 p.m.	April 21
Blessing of the Graduates, 11:00 a.m.	April 22
Last Day of Classes	May 2
Grades Due, noon	May 6
Graduate Commissioning Reception & Service, 9:45am	May 9
Commencement, 1pm	May 10

Summer 2025

Session One

First Day of Classes, Session 1	May 19
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., virtual	May 19-23
Memorial Day Holiday—University Closed	May 26
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 1	May 27
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., on campus	May 27-30
DMIN Residency Week	May 27-30
DMIN Reception, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	May 28
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 1	June TBA

Last Day of Classes, Session 1	June 20
Grades Due, Session 1, noon	June 23

Session Two

First Day of Classes, Session 2	June 23
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 2	June 27
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	July 1
Independence Day—University Closed	July 4
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 2	July TBA
Last Day of Classes, Session 2	July 25
Grades Due, Session 2, noon	July 30

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