

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 Prayers/Fellowship 2:00-2:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Fall 2024

| New Student Orientation (Masters Online), 6:00-8:30 p.m. | August 13 and 15 |
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| 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. m1:30 p.m. | August 28 |
| Spiritual Formation Retreat, required for all THSP 511 students | August 29-30 |
| (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual) | |
| Women's Group McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m2:00 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.m2:00 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.m2:00 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.m2:00 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.m1:45 p.m. | November 19 |
| (No Community Fellowship 11:00 a.m11:30 a.m., see lunch above) | |
| Theology Fall Break—No Theology Classes | November 25-29 |
| Thanksgiving Holiday—University Closed | November 28-29 |
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Women's Group | McAfee Circle, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Last Day of Classes Grades Due, noon University Closed

Spring 2025

December 7 December 13 December 17 December 24-January 1

| New Student Orientation | January 2 |
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| 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 |
| Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Little Rock, AR | February 17-20 |
| CPE Fair, on campus | February 27 |
| 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 |
| Last Day for Course Withdrawal | March 19 |
| Early Registration for Summer & Fall begins, 9:00 a.m. | March 26 |
| Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due | April 1 |
| First Claypool Winner in Chapel | April 1 |
| Second Claypool Winner in Chapel | April 8 |
| Holy Week | April 13-20 |
| Good Friday/Easter Holiday—University Closed | April 18-20 |
| 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 |
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Summer 2025

Session One

| First Day of Classes, Session 1 | May 19 |
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| DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m9:30 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.m9:30 a.m., on campus | May 27-30 |
| DMIN Residency Week | May 27-30 |
| DMIN Reception, 3:00 p.m4:30 p.m. | May 28 |
| Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 1 | June 6 |
| 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 |
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| 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 11 |
| Last Day of Classes, Session 2 | July 25 |
| Grades Due, Session 2, noon | July 30 |

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