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**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

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 August 29-30

(Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)

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. November 19  
 (No Community Fellowship 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., see lunch above)

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

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

**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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