



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Academic Calendar 2025-2026

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. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless another event is scheduled for that day.

Fall 2025

New Student Orientation, On Campus, (Masters Residential), 10:00-5:00 p.m.	August 13
New Student Orientation, Online, (Masters Online & DMIN), 6:00-9:00 p.m.	August 14
First Day of Classes	August 18
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm Lunch, Theology Lounge	August 19
Last Day for Drop/Add	August 25
Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall Speaker: R. Alan Culpepper	August 26
Founders Day Luncheon, noon, TDR	August 26
Labor Day Holiday—University Closed	September 1
Student Affairs Snack n Chat, 12:15-1:15pm	September 4
Vocational Formation Retreat, required for all THPT 511 students (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	September 26-27
Student Advisement for Spring and Summer—Meet with Advisor	All of October
Graduation Application for Spring/Summer 2026	October 1
Blessing of the Animals	October 2
Spiritual Formation Retreat, required for all THSP 511 students (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	October 9-10
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	October 20
CPE Fair	October 30
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	November 1
DMIN "Write In" Day	November 7
Registration for Spring and Summer begins, 9:00 a.m.	November 10
Veterans Day	November 11
Mercer Homecoming	November 15
Admissions Application Deadline for Spring	November 15
McAfee Thanksgiving Lunch, 12:15p.m.-1:15 p.m.	November 18
Theology Fall Break—No Theology Classes	November 24-28
Thanksgiving Holiday—University Closed	November 27-28
Last Day of Classes	December 12
Grades Due, noon	December 16
University Closed	December 24-January 1

Spring 2026

New Student Orientation (All Programs), 6:00-9:00pm	January 5
First Day of Classes	January 5
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm, Theology Lounge	January 6
Last Day for Drop/Add	January 12
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—University Closed	January 19
Wm. L. Self Preaching Lectures	February 9-10
Keynote Speaker – Dr. L. Gregory Jones, President, Belmont University	
Scholars Conference for Prospective Students	February 9-10
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago	February 23-26
Shrove Tuesday	February 17
Ash Wednesday	February 18
Student Advisement for Summer and Fall—Meet with Advisor	All of March
Graduation Applications due for Fall 2026	March 1
Theology Spring Reading Week, no classes	March 2-6
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	March 18
Early Registration for Summer & Fall begins, 9:00 a.m.	March TBA
Holy Week	March 29-April 5
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	April 1
Good Friday/Easter Holiday—University Closed	April 3-5
McAfee Research Symposium, 12-3pm	April 9
Blessing of the Graduates, TBA	April 21
Last Day of Classes	May 1
Grades Due, noon	May 5
Graduate Commissioning Reception & Service, TBA	May TBA
Commencement, TBA	May TBA

Summer 2026

Session One

First Day of Classes, Session 1	May 18
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., virtual	May 18-22
Memorial Day Holiday—University Closed	May 25
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 1	May 26
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., on campus	May 26-29
DMIN Residency Week	May 26-29
DMIN Reception, 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	May 27
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 1	June 5
Last Day of Classes, Session 1	June 19
Grades Due, Session 1, noon	June 22

Session Two

First Day of Classes, Session 2	June 22
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 2	June 26
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	July 1
Independence Day Observed—University Closed	July 3
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 2	July 10
Last Day of Classes, Session 2	July 24
Grades Due, Session 2, noon	July 29

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