



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. each Tuesday and Thursday

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
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—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
Early Registration for Spring begins, 9:00 a.m.	November TBA
DMIN "Write In" Day	November 7
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
Board of Visitors Luncheon & Meeting	February 9
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, TBA	February TBA
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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