



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

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 2:30-3:00pm on Tuesdays, unless another event is scheduled that day.

Fall 2026

New Student Orientation, On Campus, (Masters Residential), 10:00-5:00 p.m.	August 12
New Student Orientation, Online, (Masters Online & DMIN), 6:00-9:00 p.m.	August 13
First Day of Classes	August 17
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm Lunch, *Theology Lawn *Theology Lunge in case of inclement weather	August 18
Last Day for Drop/Add	August 24
Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall Speaker: Dr. Penny L. Elkins, President, Mercer University	August 25
Founders Day Luncheon, noon, TDR	August 25
Labor Day Holiday—University Closed	September 7
Baptist Classics	September 10-12
Vocational Formation Retreat, required for all THPT 511 students (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	September 10-11
Graduation Application Deadline for Spring/Summer 2027	September 30
Student Advisement for Spring and Summer—Meet with Advisor	All of October
Blessing of the Animals, 12-12:30pm	October 7
Spiritual Formation Retreat, required for all THSP 511 students (Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	October 15-16
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	October 19
Mercer Homecoming	October TBA
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	November 1
DMIN “Write In” Day, 9-11:30am	November 6
Registration for Spring and Summer begins, 9:00 a.m.	November TBA
Veterans Day	November 11
Admissions Application Deadline for Spring	November 15
McAfee Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch, 12:15p.m.-1:15 p.m.	November 17
Theology Fall Break—No Theology Classes	November 23-27
Thanksgiving Holiday—University Closed	November 26-27
Sweets in the Suite., 12:15-1:15pm	December 1
Lessons & Carols, 2:30-3:00pm	December 1
Last Day of Classes	December 11
Grades Due, noon	December 14
University Closed	December 23-January 1

Spring 2027

New Student Orientation (All Programs), 6:00-9:00pm	January 7
First Day of Classes	January 11
Welcome Back Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm, Theology Lounge	January 12
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—University Closed	January 18
Last Day for Drop/Add	January 19
Shrove Tuesday Fellowship, 12:15-1:15pm, Theology Lounge	February 9
Ash Wednesday and Ashes-to-Go, 12-12:30pm	February 10
Wm. L. Self Preaching Lectures Keynote Speaker – TBA	February TBA
Scholars Conference for Prospective Students	February TBA
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, TBA	February TBA
Graduation Applications Deadline for Fall 2027	February 28
Student Advisement for Fall—Meet with Advisor	All of March
Theology Spring Reading Week, no classes	March 8-12
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	March 24
Early Registration for Summer & Fall begins, 9:00 a.m.	March TBA
Holy Week	March 21-28
Maundy Thursday Communion, 2:30-3:00pm	March 25
Good Friday/Easter Holiday—University Closed	March 26-28
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	April 1
Blessing of the Graduates & Reception, 11am	April 20
Last Day of Classes	May 7
Grades Due, noon	May 10
Graduate Commissioning Reception & Service Reception at 9:45am, Service at 11:00am	May 14
Commencement	May 15

Summer 2027

Session One

First Day of Classes, Session 1	May 24
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m., virtual	May 24-28
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 1	May 28
Memorial Day Holiday—University Closed	May 31
DMIN Worship, 9:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m., on campus, THE 126	June 1-4
DMIN Residency Week	June 1-4
DMIN Reception, 3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	June 2
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 1	June 11
Last Day of Classes, Session 1	June 25
Grades Due, Session 1, noon	June 28

Session Two

First Day of Classes, Session 2	June 28
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 2	July 1
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	July 1
Independence Day Observed—University Closed	July 5
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 2	July 16
Last Day of Classes, Session 2	July 30
Grades Due, Session 2, noon	August 2

