



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

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| 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<br>*Theology Lounge in case of inclement weather                           | August 18             |
| Last Day for Drop/Add   | August 24             |
| Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall<br>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<br>(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<br>(Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)  | October 15-16         |
| Last Day for Course Withdrawal  | October 19            |
| Mercer Homecoming   | October 31            |
| 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., 12:15-2:15pm  | 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

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|---|--------------|
| 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<br>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<br>Reception at 9:45am, Service at 11:00am | May 14       |
| Commencement  | May 15       |

## Summer 2027

### Session One

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| 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

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| 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 |