



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

Rooted in Mercer University's Baptist heritage, McAfee School of Theology forms wise and compassionate leaders for the church and world who pursue justice, honor truth, embrace the mystery of faith, love neighbors, and care for creation. Within a small, inclusive, and diverse community, we are committed to intellectual discipline, spiritual and vocational formation, and contextual ministry experience that honors knowing and investing in students beyond the classroom. In the spirit of Mercer's vision, McAfee seeks to change the world, one student at a time.

*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	August 18
*Theology Lounge in case of inclement weather	
Last Day for Drop/Add	August 24
Founders Day Service, 11:00 a.m., Day Hall	August 25
Speaker: Dr. Penny L. Elkins, President, Mercer University	
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	September 10-11
(Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	
Community Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm Lunch, Theology Lounge	September 22
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	October 15-16
(Overnight in Atlanta with housing/meals provided or virtual)	
Last Day for Course Withdrawal	October 19
Community Lunch, 12:15-1:15pm Lunch, Theology Lounge	October 20
Mercer Homecoming	October 31
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due	November 1
Registration for Spring and Summer begins, 9:00 a.m.	November 5
DMIN "Write In" Day, 9-11:30am	November 6
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
University Closed

December 14
December 23-January 1

Spring 2027

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

January 7
January 11
January 12
January 18
January 19
February 9
February 9
February 10
February 22
February 22-24
February 28
All of March
March 8-12
March 16
March 24
March TBA
March 21-28
March 25
March 26-28
April 1
April 20
May 7
May 10
May 14

May 15

Summer 2027

Session One

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

May 24
May 24-28
May 28
May 31
June 1-4
June 1-4
June 2
June 11
June 25
June 28

Session Two

First Day of Classes, Session 2
Last Day Drop/Add, Session 2
Electronic Theses and Dissertations Due
Independence Day Observed—University Closed
Last Day for Course Withdrawal, Session 2

June 28
July 1
July 1
July 5
July 16

Last Day of Classes, Session 2
Grades Due, Session 2, noon

July 30
August 2

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