

Fall 2025 Provost's Important Dates 2025-2026

Date or Due Date	Meeting, Event or Deadline	Location or Submit To	Time
Friday, June 13, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Monday, June 16, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Wednesday, June 18, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Friday, June 20, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Monday, June 23, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Friday, June 27, 2025	Virtual Session - New Student Orientation for Fall Students	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Friday, July 18, 2025	Transfer Student Orientation	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Monday, July 21, 2025	Virtual Session - Transfer Student Orientation	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
August 1-22, 2025	CIRP The Freshman Survey for all first-year undergraduates; Macon residential students will complete during BEAR Beginnings		
Tuesda, August 5, 2025	CoPA PhD Counselor Education and Supervision New Student Orientation	Atlanta	11:00 AM
Tuesday, August 5, 2025	CoPA MS Counseling New Student Orientation	Atlanta	5:00 PM
Wednesday-Thursday, August 6-7, 2025	CoPA Full-time Faculty Opening Session	Atlanta	
Monday, August 11, 2025	New Faculty Orientation	PDR/University Center Macon	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Monday, August 11, 2025	President's Fall Faculty Meeting	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	3:30 PM
Monday, August 11, 2025	Presidents Faculty Dinner	PDR & Heritage Hall/University Center	5:00 PM
Monday, August 11, 2025	Introduction Week for All Law Students	Mercer Law School	
Wednesday, August 13, 2025	School of Theology New Student Orientation for Masters Residential Students	McAfee Building - Atlanta	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday, August 14, 2025	School of Theology New Student orientation for Masters Online Students and Doctoral Students	ZOOM	6:00PM - 9:00PM
Thursday-Friday, August 14-15, 2025	College of Health Professions - Doctor of Physical Therapy Orientation	Atlanta - Davis Hall	
Thursday, August 14, 2025	College of Health Professions - Master of Public Health Orientation	Atlanta - Davis Hall	
Thursday, August 14, 2025	College of Health Professions - Doctor of Psychology Orientation	Atlanta - Davis Hall	

Friday, August 15, 2025	College of Health Professions - Doctor of Physical Therapy White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	
Saturday-Monday, August 16 - 18, 2025	Bear Beginnings	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
Monday, August 18, 2025	First day of fall semester classes for law students	Mercer Law School	
Monday, August 18, 2025	Fall Convocation	University Center - Hawkins Arena	2:00 PM
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	First day of classes		
Friday, August 22, 2025	ABSN Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 26, 2025	School of Theology Founders' Day	Day Hall Auditorium - Atlanta	11:00 AM
Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day holiday	No Classes	
Monday, September 9, 2024	CoPA Ph.D. in Counselor Education & Supervision Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta campus	6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 9, 2025	The President's Meeting with Macon Staff	Medical School Auditorium	3:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	The President's Meeting with Atlanta Staff	Trustees Dining Room- Atlanta Campus	3:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 2025	CoPA Counselor Education and Supervision Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	6:00 PM
Friday, September 12, 2025	Nursing White Coat Ceremony	School of Medicine Auditorium	2:00 PM
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	Meet the Firms - School of Business	UC PDR & Heritage Hall	5:30pm - 7:30pm
Friday, September 19, 2025	President's Emeriti Luncheon	University Center - President's Dining Room	11:30 AM
Friday, September 19, 2025	Nursing White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Center	2:00 PM
Thursday, October 2, 2025	School of Theology Blessing of the Animals	Atlanta Campus Quad	12:00PM
Thursday, October 9, 2025	Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due September 29, 2025	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday-Friday, October 9-10, 2025	Fall Break - Macon Undergraduate		
Thursday, October 16, 2025	Undergraduate Council Meeting, proposals due by October 6, 2025	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Thursday-Friday, October 16-17, 2025	Mercer Law Fall Break		
Thursday, October 23, 2025	University General Education Committee Meeting, proposals due by October 13, 2025	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Friday, November 7, 2025	School of Theology Doctor of Ministry Write-In Day	McAfee Building & Swilley Library	

Thursday, November 13, 2025	Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee Meeting	Macon Campus - location TBD	3:30 PM
Friday, November 14, 2025	Board of Trustees Fall Meeting	Griffin Bell Board Room, UC	
Friday-Saturday, November 14-15, 2025	Homecoming	https://homecoming.mercer.edu/	
Thursday-Friday, November 20-21, 2025	SACSCOC Vice President Advisory Visit		
Wednesday-Friday, November 26-28, 2025	Thanksgiving Holiday (students)	No Classes	
Friday, December 5, 2025	Last Day of Classes (Fall Semester)		
Saturday, December 6, 2025	MSN Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	1:00 PM
Monday, December 15, 2025	ABSN Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	10:00 AM

Spring 2026 Provost's Important Dates 2025-2026

Date or Due Date	Meeting, Event or Deadline	Location or Submit To	Time
Friday, January 2, 2026	College of Health Professions - Doctor of Public Health Orientation	Atlanta - Davis Hall	
Friday, January 2, 2026	College of Health Professions - Physician Assistant Program Orientation	Atlanta - McAfee Hall	
Monday, January 5, 2026	First Day of Classes Spring Semester		
Monday, January 5, 2026	School of Theology New Student Orientation for All Students	McAfee Building	6:00-9:00pm
Friday, January 9, 2026	College of Health Professions - Physician Assistant Program White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Student Center	
Monday, January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday	no classes	
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Law Spring Semester Classes Begin	Mercer Law School	
Friday, January 23, 2026	ABSN White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	10:00 AM
Friday, January 30, 2026	Dean's Promotion and Tenure Recommendations Due to Provost	Watermark (https://oie.mercer.edu/)	by 5:00 PM
Friday, January 30, 2026	Dean's Emeritus and Sabbatical Recommendations Due to Provost	Office of the Provost	by 5:00pm
Thursday, February 5, 2026	Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due January 25, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00PM
Thursday, February 12, 2026	Undergraduate Council Meeting - proposals due by February 23, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00PM
Thursday, February 19, 2026	University General Education Committee Meeting - proposals due by February 9, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday-Friday, March 2-6, 2026	Spring Break	no classes	
March 9 - May 1, 2026 (dates are approximate)	HERI Your First College Year Survey for all first- year undergraduates		
March 9 - May 1, 2026 (dates are approximate)	HERI College Senior Survey for all senior undergraduates		
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due by March 2, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Monday-Friday, March 16-20, 2026	Mercer Law Spring Break		
Thursday, March 19, 2026	Undergraduate Council Meeting - proposals due by March 9, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Monday-Thursday, March 23-26, 2026	SACSCOC On-Site Reaffirmation Committee Visit		
Friday, March 27, 2026	College of Health Professions - Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	
Monday, March 30, 2026	Lester Lecture	President's Dining Room, UC	10:10 AM
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	PBK Induction	President's Dining Room, UC	6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 31, 2026	Lester Lecture	President's Dining Room, UC	11:15 AM, 6:00PM
Thursday, April 2, 2026	University General Education Committee Meeting - proposals due by March 23, 2026	Virtual Meeting	2:00 - 4:00 PM
Friday, April 3, 2026	Good Friday Holiday	no classes	
Friday, April 10, 2026	Honors Convocation	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	4:00 PM
Monday, April 13, 2026	Faculty Awards Ceremony	President's Dining Room, UC	3:00 PM
Wednesday, April 15, 2026	CoPA Center for the Study of Narrative Annual Student & Faculty Showcase	Atlanta	5:00 PM
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee Meeting	TBD	
Friday, April 17, 2026	Board of Trustees Spring Meeting	TBD	
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	BEAR Day	multiple locations	all day
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	School of Theology Blessing of the Graduates	THE-126	11:00am
Wednesday, April 22, 2026	CoPA Organizational Leadership Leader to Leader	Atlanta	11:30 AM - 11:00 PM
Friday, April 24, 2026	last day of classes		
Friday, May 1, 2026	College of Health Professions - Doctor of Psychology White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Cecil B. Day Hall	

Friday, May 1, 2026	CoPA Liberal Studies Student and Faculty Symposium	Atlanta	6:00 PM
Monday, May 4, 2026	College of Pharmacy P3 (Class of 2027) Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Center	2:00 PM
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	College of Pharmacy P1 (Class of 2029) White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Center	2:00 PM
Thursday, May 7, 2026	Nursing Pinning and Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Center	10:00 AM
Thursday, May 7, 2026	CoPA Counselor Education & Supervision Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	6:00 PM
Friday, May 8, 2026	School of Medicine Commencement Ceremony	Hawkins Arena	9:00 AM
Friday, May 8, 2026	College of Health Professions Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Student Center	10:00 AM
Friday, May 8, 2026	College of Pharmacy P4 (Class of 2026) Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta - Sheffield Center	2:00 PM
Friday, May 8, 2026	Law Commencement Ceremony	Hawkins Arena	3:00 PM
Saturday, May 9, 2026	Atlanta Class of 2026 Commencement	Gas South Arena, Atlanta	TBD
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Baccalaureate	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	5:00 PM
Monday, May 11, 2026	Macon Class of 2026 Commencement	Five Star Stadium	8:00 AM
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	AY 25-26 Assessment Reports Due	https://oie.mercer.edu/anthology/	