

Provost's Important Dates 2026-2027

Fall 2026 Semester

Date	School/College	Meeting, Event, or Deadline	Campus	Location	Time
June 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 2026		Undergraduate - New Student Orientation	Macon	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
June 26, 2026		Undergraduate - New Student Orientation	Macon	Virtual - https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
July 10, 2026		Undergraduate - Transfer Student Orientation	Macon	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
July 13, 2026		Undergraduate - Transfer Student Orientation	Macon	Virtual - https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
August 4, 2026	College of Professional Advancement	Doctor in Counselor Education and Supervision Orientation	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	Noon
August 4, 2026	College of Professional Advancement	MS Counseling Fall Orientation	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	5:00 PM
August 5-7, 2026	School of Law	First Year Student Orientation	Law		
August 10, 2026		New Faculty Orientation	Macon	Presidents Dining Room, University Center	9:30
August 10, 2026		President's Fall Faculty Meeting	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	3:30 PM
August 10-14, 2026	School of Law	Introduction Week Courses	Law		
August 10-14, 2026	School of Medicine	Doctor of Medicine Orientation	Macon, Savannah, Columbus		Aug 10,11,&13: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Aug 12 & 14: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
August 12, 2026	School of Theology	New Student Orientation for Masters Residential Students	Atlanta	McAfee Hall	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
August 12, 2026	College of Professional Advancement	MS Health Informatics Orientation	Atlanta	Virtual	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
August 12-13, 2026	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Occupational Therapy Orientation	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
August 13, 2026	College of Health Professions	Master of Public Health Orientation	Atlanta	Virtual	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
August 13, 2026	School of Theology	New Student Orientation for Masters Online Students and Doctoral Students	Atlanta	Virtual	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
August 13-14, 2026	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Physical Therapy Orientation	Atlanta	Davis Hall	Aug 13: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Aug 14: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
August 14, 2026	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Psychology Orientation	Atlanta	Trustees Dining Room	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
August 14, 2026	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Occupational Therapy White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:00
August 14, 2026	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Physical Therapy White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	1:00 PM
August 14, 2026	College of Professional Advancement School of Business	MS Data Science/MS Business Analytics Orientation	Atlanta	Virtual	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
August 14-15, 2026		Undergraduate - Opening Days for First-Year Students for Fall Semester	Macon	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
August 15-17, 2026		Undergraduate - Bear Beginnings - Fall Orientation for All New First-Year Students	Macon	https://aas.mercer.edu/orientation-programs/	
August 17, 2026		Fall Convocation for First-Year Undergraduate Students	Macon	Hawkins Arena, University Center	2:30 PM
August 21, 2026	College of Nursing	ABSN Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:00
August 24, 2026		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
August 25, 2026	School of Theology	Founders' Day	Atlanta	Day Hall	11:00
September 1, 2026		Spring Semester Course Schedules to Registrar			5:00 PM
September 3, 2026		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
September 9, 2026		President's Meeting with Atlanta Staff	Atlanta	Trustees Dining Room	3:00 PM

September 10, 2026		President's Meeting with Macon Staff	Macon	School of Medicine Auditorium	3:00 PM
September 11, 2026		Celebration of Community Reception	Macon	University Center Rotunda	11:00
September 11, 2026		President's Emeriti Luncheon	Macon	Presidents Dining Room, University Center	11:30
September 11, 2026	College of Nursing	White Coat Ceremony	Macon	School of Medicine Auditorium	2:00 PM
September 13, 2026	School of Medicine	MD White Coat Ceremony	Macon	Hawkins Arena, University Center	11:00
September 16, 2026	College of Professional Advancement	PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	Trustees Dining Room	6:00 PM
September 18, 2026	College of Nursing	White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	2:00 PM
September 19, 2026		Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	3:00 PM
September 21, 2026		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
October 1, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
October 1, 2026		Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due September 21		Virtual	2:00 PM
October 1, 2026		Spring Semester Course Materials to Bookstore			5:00 PM
October 8, 2026		Undergraduate Council Meeting - proposals due September 28		Virtual	2:00 PM
October 15, 2026		Undergraduate General Education Committee - proposals due October 5		Virtual	2:00 PM
October 19, 2026		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
October 29, 2026		Mercer University Presidential Investiture Ceremony	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	10:30
October 29, 2026		Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee Meeting	Macon		3:30 PM
October 30, 2026		Board of Trustees Fall Meeting	Macon	Griffin Bell Board Room, University Center	
October 30-31, 2026		Homecoming	Macon	Various Locations (see online schedule)	
November 5, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
November 6, 2026	School of Theology	Doctor of Ministry Write-In Day	Atlanta	McAfee Hall and Swilley Library	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
November 16, 2026		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
December 3, 2026		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
December 3, 2026	College of Professional Advancement	MS Counseling Spring Orientation	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	5:00 PM
December 5, 2026	College of Nursing	MSN Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	1:00 PM
December 12, 2026		Mercer University Press Authors Luncheon		InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta	12:00 PM
December 14, 2026		Provost Council	Macon	Woodruff House	11:30
December 14, 2026	College of Nursing	ABSN Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:00

Spring 2027 Semester

Date	School/College	Meeting, Event, or Deadline	Campus	Location	Time
January 4-5, 2027	College of Health Professions	Physician Assistant Program Orientation	Atlanta	McAfee Hall	Jan 4: 8:45 AM - 3:45 PM Jan 5: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
January 7, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
January 7, 2027	School of Theology	New Student Orientation	Atlanta	Virtual	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
January 8, 2027	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Public Health Orientation	Atlanta	Virtual	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
January 15, 2027		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
January 15, 2027		Summer Semester Courses to Registrar			5:00 PM
January 22, 2027	College of Nursing	ABSN White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:00

January 30, 2027		Dean's Promotion and Tenure Recommendations to Provost		Watermark	5:00 PM
January 30, 2027		Dean's Emeritus and Sabbatical Recommendations to Provost			5:00 PM
February 3, 2027		Founders' Day	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	10:20
February 4, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
February 4, 2027		Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due January 25		Virtual	2:00 PM
February 6, 2027	College of Professional Advancement	Informatics/Data Science Day	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
February 8, 2027		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
February 11, 2027		Undergraduate Council Meeting - proposals due February 1		Virtual	2:00 PM
February 15, 2027		Fall Semester Course Schedules to Registrar			5:00 PM
February 18, 2027		Undergraduate General Education Committee - proposals due February 8		Virtual	2:00 PM
February 19, 2027	College of Health Professions	Physician Assistant Program White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	1:00 PM
February 22, 2027	School of Theology	William L. Self Lectures	Atlanta	Day Hall	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
February 24, 2027	College of Pharmacy	Honors and Awards Luncheon	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	11:15
February 24, 2027	College of Professional Advancement	Annual Blended and Online Course Design Faculty Showcase		Virtual	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
March 1, 2027		Summer Semester Materials to Bookstore			5:00 PM
March 4, 2027		Graduate Council Meeting - proposals due February 22		Virtual	2:00 PM
March 11, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
March 15, 2027		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
March 18, 2027		Undergraduate Council Meeting - proposals due March 8		Virtual	2:00 PM
March 19, 2027	College of Health Professions	Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	1:00 PM
March 19, 2027	School of Medicine	MD Match Day	Macon, Savannah, Columbus	Macon: Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall Savannah: Campus Auditorium Columbus: Columbus Trade Center	12:00 PM
March 24, 2027	College of Pharmacy	Van Green Lecture Series	Atlanta	Day Hall	11:00
March 25, 2027		Undergraduate General Education Committee - proposals due March 15		Virtual	2:00 PM
April 1, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
April 1, 2027		Fall Semester Course Materials to Bookstore			5:00 PM
April 2, 2027		Honors Convocation	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall (Hawkins Arena if needed)	4:00 PM
April 5, 2027		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
April 5-6, 2027		Lester Lectures: Speaker -Laurie Patton, President of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences	Macon	Presidents Dining Room, University Center	April 5 - 10:10 AM April 6 - 11:15 AM and 6 PM
April 6, 2027		Phi Beta Kappa Induction	Macon	Presidents Dining Room, University Center	6:00 PM
April 10, 2027		Atlanta Research Conference	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
April 12, 2027		Faculty Awards Ceremony	Macon	Presidents Dining Room, University Center	2:00 PM
April 13, 2027		BEAR Day	Macon	Various Locations (see online schedule)	
April 13, 2027		Undergraduate Student Achievement Banquet	Macon	Hawkins Arena, University Center	6:00 PM
April 14, 2027	College of Professional Advancement	Center for the Study of Narrative Showcase	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	5:00 PM

April 20, 2027	School of Theology	Blessing of the Graduates	Atlanta	McAfee Hall	11:00
April 22, 2027		Board of Trustees Educational Policy Committee Meeting	Atlanta		3:30 PM
April 22-23, 2027		Board of Trustees Spring Meeting	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	
April 23, 2027	College of Pharmacy	Next Steps Celebration (to residency, fellowships, and workplace)	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:30
April 26, 2027	School of Medicine	MFT Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Administration and Conference Center	1:00 PM
April 27, 2027	School of Medicine	MD Hooding Ceremony	Valdosta	Student Union Theater, Valdosta State University	2:00 PM
April 28, 2027	School of Medicine	PhD/MSPCS/MFT Programs Hooding	Macon	School of Medicine Auditorium	1:00 PM
April 29, 2027	School of Medicine	MD Hooding Ceremony	Macon, Savannah, Columbus	Macon: School of Medicine Auditorium Savannah: Campus Auditorium Columbus: TSYS Auditorium	2:00 PM
April 30, 2027	College of Health Professions	Doctor of Psychology White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Day Hall	10:00
May 1, 2027	School of Medicine	School of Medicine Commencement	Macon	Hawkins Arena, University Center	1:00 PM
May 6, 2027		Council of Deans	Henry		9:00
May 7, 2027	School of Law	School of Law Commencement	Macon	Hawkins Arena, University Center	10:00
May 10, 2027		Provost Council	Macon	Godsey Administration Building	9:00
May 10, 2027	College of Pharmacy	Pinning Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	2:00 PM
May 12, 2027	College of Pharmacy	White Coat Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	10:00
May 13, 2027	College of Nursing	Pinning and Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	10:00
May 13, 2027	College of Professional Advancement	PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Trustees Dining Room	6:00 PM
May 14, 2027	College of Health Professions	Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	10:00
May 14, 2027	College of Nursing	Pinning Ceremony	Macon	School of Medicine Auditorium	10:00
May 14, 2027	School of Theology	Graduate Commissioning		Smoke Rise Baptist Church Sanctuary	11:00
May 14, 2027	College of Pharmacy	Hooding Ceremony	Atlanta	Sheffield Student Center	2:00 PM
May 15, 2027		Atlanta Class of 2027 Commencement	Atlanta	Gas South Arena, Duluth	1:00 PM
May 16, 2027		Baccalaureate & Annual Reunion Zero Picnic	Macon	Toney Auditorium, Willingham Hall	5:00 PM
May 17, 2027		Macon Class of 2027 Commencement	Macon	Five Star Stadium	8:00
June 30, 2027		Assessment Reports to Provost		Office of Institutional Effectiveness	5:00 PM