

BEAR BEGINNINGS

January 2-4, 2026

Bear Beginnings is a program designed to help first-year students and transfer students transition both academically and socially to Mercer University. During Bear Beginnings, students will finalize their spring class schedule, learn about various campus resources, meet with representatives from their respective colleges/schools, hear from current students, and get connected with their peers.

Friday, January 2nd, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Residential Students Move-In to Residence Halls
Office of Housing and Residence Life:
Connell Student Center Breezeway

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Welcome Dinner and Check-in
Penfield Hall

Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Breakfast & Overview
Penfield Hall

11:05 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.

Academic Overview
Willet Science Center
Willet Auditorium

12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.

Student Success
Willet Science Center
Willet Auditorium

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Lunch
Penfield Hall

2:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

Health and Safety at Mercer
Willet Science Center
Willet Auditorium

3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Student Panel
Willet Science Center
Willet Auditorium

4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Campus Resources and
Technology Presentation
Willet Science Center
Willet Auditorium

5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Dinner
Penfield Hall

6:00 P.M. - Until

MU Game Night!
Penfield Hall

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Follow-Up Advising Brunch
Find My Classroom: Campus Tour
Penfield Hall

Monday, January 5th, 2026

First day of Spring Classes.

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Math and World Language Placement Exams
Math: Ware Hall Room 217
World Languages: Stetson Hall Room 256 (10:00 AM - 11:00 AM)