

Weekly Schedule and Class Attendance

Most courses receive three credit hours and meet 14 times in a semester or summer term. Core courses generally follow a lecture format, sometimes with discussion sections, and meet for 2.5 hours each week. Electives and summer courses meet for two hours. Electives and summer courses have a limited enrollment and are generally seminar-style, requiring more student interaction. Courses receiving fewer than three credit hours meet for shorter periods of time.

Most M.Div. transfer students need to take a mix of junior and middler core courses, so these are never scheduled at the same time. In order to accommodate this scheduling, some junior core courses meet in the afternoon. Other core courses meet in the mornings and electives and small groups in the afternoons. Homiletics and contextual education courses split their allotted time between plenary sessions and small group work. Beginning languages meet three times per week.

The Dean's Forum is held on many Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The forum is an opportunity to hear guest speakers and other presentations that students are expected to attend and so classes are not scheduled so as to avoid conflict. See the website's events section for details. Additionally, every effort is made not to schedule classes in conflict with choir practice.

Students are expected to attend every scheduled meeting of a class. Instructors have the prerogative to set attendance policies for their individual classes and will state their policies in their syllabi. Absences may result in a reduction of the student's grade up to and including a failing grade for the course.