



ACADEMIC ADVISING NEWSLETTER 2026

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Introducing our New Programs!

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration (120 Credit Hours)
Bachelor of Arts in Workforce and Ministry Readiness (126 Credit Hours)
Bachelor of Arts in Business and Trade Administration (126 Credit Hours)
Bachelor of Arts in Religion to Master of Divinity Advanced Track (156 Credit Hours)
Master of Science in Organizational leadership (36 Credit Hours)
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (36 Credit Hours)

Check out our New Partnerships!

Luther Rice College & Seminary X Technical College System of Georgia
Introducing the Nall School of Business
Introducing the Waddle School of Leadership
Dual Enrollment



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I remember the time I was called to ministry; I was a junior in high school, trying to figure out where the Lord was going to lead me in life. I've always loved the Bible and diving into it; I developed a love for teaching and sharing what I learned with people. God provided many opportunities in middle school and high school to teach small groups and lead others. After much prayer and guidance from some great spiritual fathers (and my actual dad), I felt the call to ministry. I didn't know what exactly or in what capacity, but I knew God was calling me to teach His Word.

In fulfilling that call, I decided to get my degree in Biblical studies here at Luther Rice! I thoroughly enjoyed my time here, and the knowledge and skills I learned have been invaluable. The professors and the content shaped and molded me into someone who really knew how to interpret and understand the Bible the way God intended. It gave me a biblical framework and foundation that I didn't know I needed.

However, I remember being a student, the tough assignments, the late nights, the feeling of "I can't do this" and "I need to give up". I remember the doubts of "Is God really calling me to do this?" I know how hard and difficult this worthy endeavor can be, and I want to encourage you to press on! Finish the race that God has set before you and don't lose sight of why you are doing this.

Remember that God has called you to serve, to lead, to teach His people, and to be equipped while you do it! So, in those times of stress, doubt, and fear remember that "He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power..." and "...those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary" (Is. 40:29; 31).

The Lord gives us strength, so rely on Him, let Him give you the strength you need to press on! As always, I am here for you to encourage you, to pray for you, to be a listening ear, or for whatever you may need. Finally walking across that stage in May of 2023 and receiving my diploma made all those hard days worth it, and it is something that I wouldn't trade for the world!



Hey, Everyone!

My name is Cody Phillips, and I am privileged to be able to serve you as an Academic Advisor here at Luther Rice College & Seminary!

I am originally from Social Circle, GA, a little town around 45 miles east of Atlanta. I attended Social Circle Public School and graduated from Social Circle High School in 2019. I've spent the majority of my life attending Crossroads Baptist Church in Social Circle, GA, where I grew up in the children's church, youth group, and our church's college-aged group.

I felt the call to ministry in my junior year of high school after a conversation with one of my pastors, and I felt that pursuing a Biblical degree was a great way to start that journey. Fortunately, I went to church with Dr. Steven Steinhilber, the current president of Luther Rice College and Seminary, who guided me and directed me to Luther Rice to start that program. After dual enrolling in high school and completing a few semesters of my core classes, I transferred to Luther Rice and, in May 2023, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and a Minor in Ministry!

From a young age, I've served at my church wherever it was needed. Starting in late middle school, leading younger guys in weekly small groups, serving at our church's summer camp, and many weekend retreats. As of June 2024, I serve as my church's college leader, where I teach a weekly Sunday Morning life group, a weekly Wednesday night guys' discipleship group, and monthly Sunday night events ranging from sermons, pool parties, game nights, and going out to eat for some good old-fashioned fellowship time!

From August 2023 to May 2025, I worked part-time at Newton County Christian Learning Center, where I served as a teacher, teaching public school students the Bible as an after-school program. In June of 2025, I was blessed with the opportunity to work here at Luther Rice full-time as an Academic Advisor. I'm grateful to join this family and for the ability to help and serve you all to the best of my ability.

If you ever need any help, guidance, or encouragement, please feel free to reach out by calling 770.484.1204 ext. 5754 or email aa@lutherrice.edu, and I will be more than happy to serve you in every way that I can!



THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING

LUTHER RICE COLLEGE & SEMINARY



We're here to serve you!

The Academic Advising Office is here to help you understand your degree path, choose the right courses, and make steady progress toward graduation. Whether you are beginning your first term, returning after time away, planning your final courses, or simply unsure what to take next, our goal is to help you move forward with clarity and confidence.

At Luther Rice, students are often balancing education with ministry, work, family, and other responsibilities. Academic Advising helps you make wise academic decisions that fit your program requirements, your schedule, and your calling.

Fall Registration is Open!

Register now for classes! The fall semester starts September 7th but the earlier you register the smoother the process will be. Give yourself and our staff plenty of time to fill out FAFSA, order your books, and prepare for the semester ahead!

Need help registering for classes or have questions?

Call 770-484-1204 ext. 5754, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST, to talk with an advisor or to schedule an on-campus appointment. You can also reach an Academic Advisor via email at AAO@LutherRice.edu.

If you wish to schedule a virtual appointment, please visit the Academic Advising FAQ Page for links to our booking pages!



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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Certificates:

Apologetics
Biblical Counseling
Biblical Studies
Pastoral Ministry
Theology

Graduate Certificates:

Apologetics
Biblical Counseling
Biblical Studies
Leadership
Pastoral Ministry
Theology
Biblical Greek
Biblical Hebrew
Church Revitalization (*Coming Soon*)

Not-For-Credit:

Apologetics
Biblical Studies
Theology

Undergraduate Programs

Dual Enrollment
Associate of Arts in General Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Bachelor of Arts in Religion (*Minor in: Biblical Counseling, Christian Worldview, or Ministry*)
Bachelor of Arts in Workforce & Ministry Readiness
Bachelor of Arts in Business & Trade Administration
Bachelor of Arts in Religion to Master of Divinity Advanced Track

Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Apologetics
Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling
Master of Arts in Christian Studies
Master of Arts in Leadership
Master of Science in Organizational leadership
Master of Arts in Christian Leadership
Master of Arts in Ministry

Master of Divinity

Master of Divinity (81-hour programs)
Master of Divinity (90-hour programs)

Doctoral Programs

MA to DMIN Bridge
Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Christian Scripture
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Organization Leadership

View all degree programs at: [LutherRice.edu/degree-programs/home](https://lutherrice.edu/degree-programs/home)



2027 GRADUATION

*Graduation Application Available Online: **August 1st***

*Graduation Application Deadline: **October 31st***

*Late Graduation Application Deadline: **February 1st***

*Graduation Banquet: **May 13th***

*Commencement Exercises: **May 14th***

2026 FALL CALENDAR

September	6	Last Day to Drop Full Term Classes with "WD"
	7	Fall Semester Online Full-Term Classes Begin Fall Semester Online Mini-Term I Classes Begin Late Registration for Full Term Classes (Late Fees Apply 9/7-9/13) Labor Day Holiday -- Offices Closed
	8	Fall Semester On-campus Classes Begin
	8-11	Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership Module
	14-18	Doctor of Ministry Module Ph.D. in Christian Scripture Module
	28	Recommended Date by Which to Apply for Financial Aid for Fall Mini-Term II Classes
October	4	Last Day to Drop Mini-Term I Classes with "WP"
	25	Last Day to Drop Mini-Term II Classes with "WD"
	26	Fall Semester Online Mini-Term II Classes Begin
	31	Graduation Application Deadline for May 2027
November	1	Fall Semester Online Mini-Term I Classes End
	22	Last Day to Drop Fall Classes with "WP"
	25-27	Thanksgiving Holidays - Offices Closed
December	14	Recommended Date by Which to Apply for Financial Aid for the Spring Semester
	17	Fall Semester On-campus Classes End
	20	Fall Semester Online Full-Term and Mini-Term II Classes End
	24-30	Christmas Holidays --- Offices Closed

