

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans too deep for words.”  
Romans 8:26

ACADEMIC ADVISING  
**NEWSLETTER**  
SPRING 2023

**H**as anybody ever told you how awesome you are? Well, if they haven't, let me tell you, you are **AWESOME** with a capital A!

Now you might wonder why I would make such an assessment when I don't even know you. Well, you are part of the human community and according to the Bible, you bear the image of God. What does that mean? It means that in spite of your flaws, imperfections, and insecurities, you are designed for God to manifest His life and love through you.

God created this whole world, just for you. When things went haywire, God sent His Son into the world, and that Son died a cruel death to get you back. And then God raised that Son from the dead as a stamp of approval of what the Son did and as a guarantee that if you trust Him with your life, even after you die, one day you will be resurrected as well.

I know, it sounds incredible, especially when you look at the mess this world is in today. But this world is in such a mess because there is an enemy that has blinded the minds of so many people to the truth, I just shared with you. But I'm telling you right now: If you think it's hopeless; that's a lie. If you think your life doesn't matter; that's a lie. If you think life is not worth living; that's a lie.

Be encouraged my friend. You are valued, you are loved, and you matter. No matter where you are in your life right now, the God of Heaven and Earth wants to lift you to a higher plane. He wants you to live in and enjoy the benefits of His Kingdom, not just after you die, but also right now and right here.

Hold your head up. Be encouraged. No matter what's going on, you are loved. You are valued. You matter. And you can make it.  
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# The Road To Graduation

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## Graduation Commencement Ceremony:

Friday, May 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm

Please submit your graduation application by November 4, 2022, to avoid a \$100 late fee. The late fee applies to applications received between November 4 and February 2. No applications will be processed after **FEBRUARY 3, 2023**. Delivery of graduation regalia and diplomas in time for the commencement exercises is guaranteed only if applications are received by February 3, 2023.

It is the student's responsibility to apply for graduation. Students who do not attend the commencement ceremony are still required to submit a full application and pay their graduation fee for their degree to be conferred. If a student fails to apply for graduation, becomes inactive, and later returns, they fall under the jurisdiction of the policies and procedures of the catalog in effect at the time of their return.

Please note, May 2023 banquet and commencement ceremonies are subject to change due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. While current 2023 plans assume no COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that all prospective graduates stay informed of any future changes.

## Applying for Graduation

Log into **MyCampus**, click on "Academics" and then "Graduation Management" to access the Online Graduation Application.

## 2023 Graduation Fees

Certificates (for-credit): \$100.00  
Bachelor: \$175.00  
Masters: \$215.00  
Doctoral: \$245.00  
Late Application Fee: \$100.00

All Graduation fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## Degree Completion Requirements

- 1 | Satisfactory completion of the semester hour and course distribution requirements of the degree program.
- 2 | A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for Bachelors and Masters and 3.0 for Doctoral.
- 3 | Any exit exams or other assessments administered to the graduating class must be completed by the student prior to the award of his degree.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FALL 2022

### October

- 24 Fall Semester Online Mini-Term II Classes Begin
- 30 Last Day to Drop Mini-Term II Classes with "WD"

### November

- 4 Graduation Application Deadline for May 2023
- 13 Last Day to Drop Fall Classes with "WP"
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Holidays-Offices Closed

### December

- 15 Fall Semester On-campus Classes End
- 18 Fall Semester Online Full Term and Mini-Term II Classes End
- 22-28 Christmas Holidays-Offices Closed

## SPRING 2023

### January

- 2 New Year's Holiday-Offices Closed
- 9-13 Doctoral Module (1/9-1/13)
- 16 Spring Semester Online Full Term Classes Begin  
Late Registration for Full Term Classes (*Late Fees Apply 1/16-1/22*)  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday-Office Closed
- 17 Spring Semester On-Campus Classes Begin
- 22 Last Day to Drop Full Term Classes with "WD"

### February

- 6 Recommended Date by Which to Apply for Financial Aid for Spring Mini-Term II Classes

### March

- 6 Spring Semester Online Mini-Term II Classes Begin
- 12 Last Day to Drop Mini-Term II Classes with "WD"
- 22 Luther Rice Day (Luther Rice, b. 1783)
- 26 Last Day to Drop Spring Classes with "WP"
- 30 Luther Rice College & Seminary Preview Day

### April

- 7 Good Friday Holiday-Offices Closed
- 27 Spring Semester On-Campus Classes End
- 30 Spring Semester Online Full Term and Mini-Term II Classes End  
Recommended Date by Which to Apply for Financial Aid for Summer Semester

### May

- 18 Graduation Banquet
- 19 Commencement Exercises

## SUMMER 2023

### May

- 22 Summer Semester Online Full-Term Classes Begin  
Late Registration for Full Term Classes (*Late Fees Apply 5/22-5/28*)
- 28 Last Day to Drop Full Term Classes with "WD"
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday-Offices Closed

### June

- 5-9 Doctoral Module (6/5-6/9)
- 11 Last Day to Drop the Doctoral Module with "WD"

### July

- 1 2023-2024 Academic Year Begins
- 4 Independence Day Holiday-Offices Closed
- 9 Last Day to Drop Summer Classes with "WP"

### August

- 6 Summer Semester Online Full-Term Classes End

## Registration Information

**Spring 2023 registration is just around the corner!**

It's getting close to the time to register for your spring semester classes.

Start making plans to enroll for the 15 weeks or 8-weeks mini-term II courses.

**Read your luther rice email weekly for updates!**  
Online spring classes begin Monday, January 16, 2023

**On-campus spring classes begin Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

## Practicum Courses

*If you have to enroll in one of the following practicums, please follow the instructions below:*

- MP4403 Christian Ministry Practicum**
- AP6911 Apologetics Capstone**
- CM7407 Ministry Practicum**
- CO6708 Counseling Practicum**
- LD6812 Leadership Practicum**

The Practicum involves the practical application of ministry goals and skills through ministry assignments overseen by a field supervisor.

Students should consult with the program coordinator one year prior to their anticipated graduation date for information regarding practicum requirements.

The Practicum placement must be approved by the program coordinator.

Students must obtain approval of the practicum site before the semester officially starts.

The Practicum should be taken in the last semester of the degree program.

The Practicum course should not be taken with more than two additional courses.

# Independent Study Requests

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Independent study requests are generally discouraged and will primarily be approved in the spring semester for those students who need the course to graduate. Independent Studies may be defined as study (being pursued for course credit) which is under the direct supervision of an appropriate faculty member and is completed in the same time frame of a normal semester.

*The following guidelines apply:*

- A | Independent Study must be requested in advance, using the proper request form provided by the Academic Advising Office.
- B | Independent Study requests must be approved in advance by the supervising professor in conjunction with the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- C | Independent Study requests will generally be approved only if the course is required for graduation and is not going to be offered on a regular schedule prior to graduation.
- D | Independent Study requests must be made prior to the beginning of a regular semester and the student must register for the class (once approved) during normal registration periods.

## Academic Advising Mission Statement

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The mission of Academic Advising at Luther Rice College & Seminary is to provide services to assist students in achieving their academic goals and personal success

**Contact Information:** 770-484-1204 ext. 5754 or 1-800-442-1577 ext. 5754 or via email at [AAO@LUTHERRICE.edu](mailto:AAO@LUTHERRICE.edu)



The **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology** exists to lead students in applying psychological knowledge under the authority of Scripture to the mental, physical/emotional, spiritual, and relational needs of people in the marketplace and church/missional settings.

**Luke 2:52—“And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom (mental), and stature (physical/emotional), and in favor with God (spiritual) and men (relational).”**

The Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree provides a comprehensive biblically based curriculum with a psychology major and biblical counseling minor supported by general education foundations, biblical and theological studies, and applications to both the marketplace and ministry.