

Fall Semester 2025

August 15- November 16

[Smithsonian Exhibit at Luther Seminary](#)

Monday–Friday, September 8-12

Prep Week - Begin readings and assignments now.

Monday, September 8

Syllabus Day - Required for all RFS classes

[Syllabus Day Schedule](#)

Tuesday–Thursday, September 9-11

International Student and Scholar Orientation (ISSA)

ISSA provides a schedule to incoming international students, scholars, and seminary speakers.

Friday, September 12

3:30-5:30 pm **In-Person Financial Wellness Sessions**

[Sign up here](#) for a session with Grace Pomroy

4:00–7:00 pm **Back to School Block Party**

Olson Campus Center (OCC), includes food and drink

Campus Tours Available - 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30 pm

Admission Ambassadors

5:00–7:00 pm Headshot Session - [Sign up here](#)

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[Fairfield Inn Shuttle schedule and FAQ](#)

RFS 1 Week - September 13–15

RFS 1 Classes on Campus

- CG3523 Human Sexualities (Sanders - GH 101)
- CL4530 New Missional Ministries (Binder - GH 003)
- OT0115 Law and Narrative (Schifferdecker - GH 103)
- SG0405 Leading Christian Communities in Mission (Zscheile - GH 104)
- SG0610 Christian Public Leaders (Jacobson, Elton - Olson 10)
- CD6610 Christian Public Leaders (Jacobson, Elton - Olson 10)

***Classrooms may change to accommodate class size.**

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Saturday, September 13

- 8:00-10:50 am RFS 1 Classes
11:00-11:30 am Chapel: Welcome and prayer
11:30-12:30 pm Lunch
Spiritual Director Fair - OCC Café
12:30-4:20 pm RFS 1 Classes
4:30-6:30 pm Games and Pizza, OCC Dining Room, led by Student Council

Sunday, September 14

Worship Opportunities within walking or bus distance from the seminary

- 12:30-6:20 pm RFS 1 Classes
3:00 pm "Linner" food provided

Monday, September 15

- 8:00-10:50 am RFS 1 Classes
11:00-11:40 am Chapel: Service of Holy Communion
11:40-12:30 pm Lunch with Faculty Advisors
12:30-4:20 pm RFS 1 Classes
4:30-5:30 pm Headshot Session - [Sign up here](#)
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4:20-7:00 pm Dinner on your own, check out [Nico's Tacos](#), [Lannai Thai](#), and [Finnish Bistro](#) - all within walking distance of campus
7:00-9:00 pm ***Smithsonian Evening Science Program: Exploring Human Origins: What does it mean to be human? - Olson Campus Center***
 - ***Open to the public, reception following in the Narthex***

End RFS 1

Tuesday, September 16

No Classes

9:30-11:30 am In-Person Financial Wellness Sessions

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11:30 am-1 pm - Smithsonian: Seminary Community Conversation and Meal
OCC Dining Room

1:00 pm **Campus Tour with Admissions Ambassador**

4:00-6:00 pm Headshot Session - [Sign up here](#)
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RFS 2 Week -September 17–19

RFS 2 Classes on Campus

- CL4531 Discipleship in Missional Church (Thomason - GH 104)
- LD0505 Theological Frameworks for Ministry II (Darling/Ellis - GH 103)
- SG0401 Thinking Theologically Confessing Publicly (Marga - OCC 10)
- SG0401 Thinking Theologically Confessing Publicly (Malcolm - GH Library)

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Wednesday, September 17

- 8:00-10:50 am RFS 2 Classes
- 11:00-11:40 am Chapel: Service of Holy Communion
- 11:40-12:20 pm Give Day! Lunch with staff and faculty
Lunch provided by Seminary Relations
- 12:30-4:20 pm RFS 2 Classes
- 4:20 pm **Campus Tour available with Admissions Ambassador**
- 5:00-6:30 pm Pubs & Profs with Willis Johnson - **The Alchemy of Faith-Informed Entrepreneurism: From Imagination to Innovation** in the OCC Dining Room
Beverages and dinner provided

Thursday, September 18

- 8:00-10:50 am RFS 2 Classes
- 11:00-11:50 pm Lunch Church: "Why Jesus?" - Willis Johnson
- 12:00 -12:30 pm Academic Advising team available - Answers to course planning questions
- 12:30-4:20 pm RFS 2 Classes

Friday, September 19

- 8:00-10:50 am RFS 2 Classes
- 11:00-11:30 am Chapel: Convocation led by President Robin Steinke
- 11:40-12:20 pm Lunch
Spiritual Directors Fair - OCC Café
- 12:30-4:20 pm RFS 2 Classes

End RFS 2