

Ecola's School of Ministry Academic Calendar

2023-2024

Fall Term — 11 weeks

Last day to apply	July 31
\$300 Deposit due to hold spot (non-refundable).....	July 31
5% Discount if paying for year in full.....	September 11
Assistants arrive	September 17
Assistant training begins	September 18
Registration	2-4pm, September 24
Fees for school year due (minimum of half).....	September 24
Classes begin	9:00am September 25
Thanksgiving break	Noon, Nov. 22 – Nov. 26
Last day to make up exams	November 30
Classes end	Noon, December 8
Christmas break	Dec. 9 - Jan. 7

*****Please Note: Students are not allowed to stay in the dorms over Christmas break. Please arrange to be out of your dorm by Friday December 8th at 3pm. Remember, it's a 2 hr. drive to the airport!***

Winter Term — 8 weeks

Return to campus	2:00pm January 7
Classes begin	9:00am January 8
Last day to make up exams	February 22
Classes end	Noon, February 29
Missions	February 29 - March 10
Spring break	February 29 - March 17

*****Please Note: Students are not allowed to stay in the dorms over Spring break. Please arrange to be out of your dorm by Thursday February 29th at 3pm.***

Spring Term — 7 weeks

Return to campus	2:00 pm March 17
Classes begin	9:00 am March 18
Easter break	Noon, March 29 - 5:30pm, April 1
Last day to make up exams	April 25
Classes end	May 2
Commencement	10:00am, May 3 (Friday)

*****Please Note: Students need to check out of their dorms by 4pm on Friday May 3th (Commencement Day).***

Travel Information:

Transportation to and from Cannon Beach is the responsibility of the student.

As a courtesy, the Ecola staff is able to provide a limited number of airport/train/bus pick-ups and drop-offs ***at the beginning of the school year (Fall Term) only***. The cost for the shuttle is \$20 and is limited to students only. We are unable to provide transportation at any other time during the year. If you are trying to plan for the Ecola shuttle at the beginning of the year, or for your personal transportation throughout the rest of the school-year and breaks, flights, buses, and trains should be scheduled for the following times:

Flights: Portland International Airport (PDX)

Bus/Train: Greyhound/Union Station (Amtrak) in Portland, OR (bus & train stations are side by side)

SoM Registration Flight: Sunday September 24, 2023 – Arrive in Portland by Noon

***Please note that shuttle service is **limited to space available, and is on a first come first serve basis**. Ecola has a small staff and is only able to provide a limited amount of transportation at a specific time. If you schedule travel outside of this time, the staff will not be able to provide transportation. Please notify the Ecola office by Tuesday, September 19th if you need a ride from the airport on September 24, 2023.*

Information for scheduling transportation during breaks:

Ecola is not able to provide transportation to/from the airport/bus/train at the school breaks. Students will need to make arrangements for their own transportation. A good way for students to arrange for their own transportation is to ask for rides from other students who are driving. Most of the student body has to drive through Portland to get where they are going. ☺

Christmas:

- *Departure* Friday December 8, 2023 – Classes end at 12noon
- *Return* Sunday January 7, 2024 – Dorms open at 2pm. Welcome back sharing 7pm.

Spring Break:

- *Departure* Thursday April 29, 2024 – Classes finish at 12noon
- *Return* Sunday March 17, 2024 – Dorms open at 2pm. Welcome back sharing 7pm.

Graduation:

- *Departure* Friday May 3, 2024 – Check-out of dorms 1-4pm
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Public Transportation to Cannon Beach:

In addition, it may be helpful to note that *Amtrak (yes, Amtrak) provides a daily bus that travels between the Greyhound/Union (Amtrak) station in Portland and Cannon Beach* for a reasonable cost. For further information, please visit their website (amtrak.com) and inquire about tickets from Portland, OR (PDX) to Cannon Beach, OR (CBO). If you are flying into the Portland Airport and wish to get transportation from the Portland Airport to the Greyhound/Union (Amtrak) station to catch the Amtrak bus to Cannon Beach, visit the TriMet website (trimet.org) and plan a trip from Portland Airport to Union Station. This will get you from the airport to the bus station to catch a bus out to Cannon Beach.

****When scheduling flights, please take into consideration that it is a 2 hour drive to the airport.**