

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS OF OBSERVANCE - 2020-2021

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the Office of the Chaplain would like for students, faculty, and staff to be aware of a broad range of religious observances. **Faculty** should consider the manner in which holy days might impact student class attendance or their ability to complete assignments on respective due dates. **Administrative and Academic Units**, as well as **Student Organizations**, should consider holy days when scheduling department-wide or university-wide events and programming. **Students** interested in holy day accommodations for class and lab assignments, attendance, or athletic practice/competition should contact faculty or coaches well in advance with such requests.

Below is a list of holy days observed by many students, staff, and faculty members in our community. This list, though exhaustive in its inclusion of traditions represented on our campus, is not complete. Consequently, please direct suggestions for accommodations to the Chaplain's Office. For additional information on selected holy days and holidays, please see this [resource](#) from the Chaplain's Office.

**Note that Jewish and Muslim holy days begin at sundown on the first day indicated.
Holy days on which absence from work or school is common.*

July 30* – 31	Eid al-Adha	Muslim
August 28* – 29	Ashura	Muslim
September 18* – 20	Rosh HaShanah	Jewish
September 27* – 28	Yom Kippur	Jewish
October 2* – 9	Sukkot	Jewish
Various dates in October	Kathin	Theravada Buddhist
November 14	Diwali begins (5 days)	Hindu/Jain
December 10* – 18	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 25	Christmas	Christian
January 7	Feast of the Nativity	Orthodox Christian
February 12	Lunar New Year	Many traditions in most Asian nations
Various dates in Spring	Buddhist New Year	Buddhist
February 17	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
March 29	Holi	Hindu
Various dates in April	Water Festival	Many traditions in most Asian nations
March 27* – April 4	Pesach/Passover	Jewish
April 2	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 4	Easter	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 2	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian
May 2	Pascha	Orthodox Christian
April 8* – 9	Yom HaShoah	Jewish
April 12* – May 11	Ramadan	Muslim
April 8	Buddha Day	Buddhist
May 12* – 13	Eid al-Fitr	Muslim
May 16* – 17	Shavuot	Jewish