

Religious Holy Days of Observance - 2019-2020

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.

August 10* – 11	Eid al-Adha	Muslim
September 9* - 10	Ashura	Muslim
September 29* – October 1	Rosh HaShanah	Jewish
October 8* – 9	Yom Kippur	Jewish
October 13* – 20	Sukkot	Jewish
Various dates in October	Kathin	Theravada Buddhist
October 27	Diwali begins (5 days)	Hindu/Jain
December 22* – 30	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 25	Christmas	Christian
January 7	Feast of the Nativity	Orthodox Christian
January 25	Lunar New year	Many traditions in most Asian nations
Various dates in Spring	Buddhist New Year	Buddhist
February 26	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
March 9	Holi	Hindu
Various dates in April	Water Festival	Many traditions in most Asian nations
April 8* – 16	Pesach/Passover	Jewish
April 10	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 12	Easter	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 10	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian
April 19	Pascha	Orthodox Christian
April 20* – 21	Yom HaShoah	Jewish
April 23* – May 23	Ramadan	Muslim
April 8	Buddha Day	Buddhist
May 23* – 24	Eid al-Fitr	Muslim
May 28* – 30	Shavuot	Jewish