

Religious Holy Days of Observance - 2018-2019

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.

**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 21* – 25	Eid al-Adha	Muslim
September 9* – 11	Rosh HaShanah	Jewish
September 18* – 19	Yom Kippur	Jewish
September 19* – 21	Ashura	Muslim
September 23* – 30	Sukkot	Jewish
Various dates in October	Kathin	Theravada Buddhist
November 7	Diwali begins (5 days)	Hindu/Jain
December 2* – 10	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 25	Christmas	Christian
January 7	Feast of the Nativity	Orthodox Christian
February 5	Lunar New year	Many traditions in most Asian nations
Various dates in Spring	Buddhist New Year	Buddhist
March 6	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
March 21	Holi	Hindu
Various dates in April	Water Festival	Many traditions in most Asian nations
April 19* – 27	Pesach/Passover	Jewish
April 19	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 21	Easter	Catholic/Protestant Christian
April 26	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian
April 28	Pascha	Orthodox Christian
May 1* – 2	Yom HaShoah	Jewish
May 5* – June 4	Ramadan	Muslim
May 18	Buddha Day	Buddhist
June 4* – 7	Eid al-Fitr	Muslim
June 8* – 9	Shavuot	Jewish