Religious Observances
September 2021 – August 2022

The university has a legal obligation to take reasonable measures to accommodate employees and students who request time off for religious observances for which a day of observance is not provided by statute. If you need an accommodation for a religious or spiritual observance, it is important to provide reasonable advance notice of your intended absence.

*Bold indicates high holy days.* University community members please consider alternate days when planning significant events.

You can also find more information of all religious or spiritual celebrations in the Interfaith Calendar [https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/](https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/)

For descriptions of these holidays, please visit: [https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/calendardefinitions.htm](https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/calendardefinitions.htm)

### 2021 (September – December)

- Sept 7-8  Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- Sept 16  Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Sept 21-27  Sukkot (Jewish); only Sept 21-22 are no class, no work days.
- Sept 22  Fall Equinox/Mabon (Wiccan)
- Sept 28  Shmini Atzeret (Jewish)
- Sept 29  Simhat Torah (Jewish)
- Sept 30  Orange Shirt Day (Canada)
- Oct 7-14  Navaratri (Hindu)
- Nov 6  Birth of the Báb (Bahá’í)
- Nov 7  Birth of Bahá’u’lláh (Bahá’í)
- Oct 15  Dasara (Hindu)
- Oct 20  Installation of Sri Guru Granth (Sikh)
- Oct 31  Samhain (Wiccan)
- Nov 4  Diwali – Deepavali (Hindu-Jain-Sikh)
- Nov 19  Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikh)
- Nov 24  Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur (Sikh)
- Nov 29-Dec 6  Hanukkah (Jewish) (While one does not refrain from work, one is expected to light candles each of the 8 days)
- Dec 8  Bodhi Day- Rohatsu (Buddhism)
- Dec 21  Winter Solstice/ Yule (Wiccan)
- Dec 25  Christmas (Christian)
2022 (January – August)

Jan 5  Guru Gobindh Singh birthday (Sikh)
Jan 13  Maghi (Sikh)
Feb 2  Imbolc-Lughnassad (Wiccan)
Feb 15  Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
Feb 5  Vasant Panchami (Hindu)
Mar 1  Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
Mar 2-20  Period of the Fast (Bahá’í) (although an observant would not be expected to refrain from work, it is 19 days of fasting from sunrise to sunset ending with Naw-Rúz)
Mar 18  Holi (Hindu)
Mar 21  Naw-Rúz (Bahá’í)
Mar 21  Spring Equinox/Ostara (Wiccan)
Mar 30  Magha Puja Day (Buddhist)
Apr 2  Hindu New Year (Hindu)
Apr 3-May 2  Ramadan (Muslim) (although an observant would not be expected to refrain from work, it is a month of fasting throughout daylight hours ending with Eid al-Fitr)
Apr 14  Baisakhi- Vaisakhi (Sikh)
Apr 15  Good Friday (Christian)
Apr 16- Apr 23  Pesach / Passover (Jewish), an eight day period. The first and last two days are no work, no class days.
Apr 17  Easter Sunday (Christian)
Apr 21  First Day of Ridván (Bahá’í)
Apr 29  Ninth Day of Ridván (Bahá’í)
May 1  Beltane (Wiccan)
May 2  Twelfth Day of Ridván (Bahá’í)
May 3  Eid al-Fitr (Muslim)
May 24  Declaration of the Báb (Bahá’í)
May 29  Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh (Bahá’í)
June 5-6  Shavu’ot (Jewish)
June 10  Great Schism (Christian)
June 16  Guru Arjan martyrdom (Sikh)
June 21  Summer Solstice/Litha (Wiccan)
June 22  National Indigenous Peoples Day (Canada)
Jul 10  Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá’í)
Jul 10  Eid al-Adha (Muslim)
Jul 13  Obon- Ulambana (Buddhist)
Jul 26  Asalha Puja Day (Buddhist)
Aug 1  Lammas/Lughnasadh (Wiccan)
Aug 19  Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)