

Religious Observances

September 2026 – August 2027

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 religious accommodation advisement. University community members please consider alternate days when planning significant events.

**All Bahá'í, Jewish and Wiccan days start at sunset on the evening prior to the day listed.*

2026 (September – December)

Sept 4	Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hindu)
Sept 12-13	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
Sep 21	Yom Kippur (Jewish)
Sept 23	Fall Equinox/Mabon (Wiccan)
Sept 26-Oct 2	Sukkot (Jewish); only Sept 26 & 27 are no class, no work days.
Oct 3	Shmini Atzeret (Jewish)
Oct 4	Simhat Torah (Jewish)
Oct 20	Birth of the Guru Granth (Sikh)
Nov 8	Diwali (Deepavali) (Hindu, Jainism)
Nov 10	Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)
Nov 11	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
Oct 31	Samhain (Wiccan)
Nov 24	Birth of the Guru Nanak (Sikh)
Nov 24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)
Dec 8	Rōhatsu (Bodhi Day) (Japanese Zen Buddhism)
Dec 5-Dec 12	Hanukkah (Jewish) (While one does not refrain from work, one is expected to light candles each of the 8 days)
Dec 21	Winter Solstice/ Yule (Wiccan)
Dec 25	Christmas (Christian)

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2027 (January – August)

Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary (Catholic Christian)
Jan 5	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
Jan 13	Maghi (Sikh)
Jan 14	Makar Sankranti (Hindu)

Feb 2	Imbolc-Lughnassad (Wiccan)
Feb 8-Mar 9	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)
Feb 10-Mar 25	Lent (Christian) (although an observant would not be expected to refrain from work, it is a time of fasting and prayer)
Feb 11	Vasanta Panchami (Hindu)
Feb 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
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 6	Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)
Mar 9	Eid al-Fitr (Muslim)
Mar 20	Spring Equinox/Ostara (Wiccan)
Mar 21	Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í)
Mar 22	Holi (Hindu)
Mar 23	Purim (Jewish)
Mar 26	Good Friday (Christian)
Mar 28	Easter Sunday (Christian)
Apr 14	Baisakhi- Vaisakhi (Sikh)
Apr 21	First Day of Ridván (Bahá'í)
Apr 22-29	Pesach / Passover (Jewish), an eight day period. The first and last two days are no work, no class days.
Apr 29	Ninth Day of Ridván (Bahá'í)
May 1	Beltane (Wiccan)
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridván (Bahá'í)
May 16	Eid al-Adha (Muslim)
May 24	Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)
May 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)
Jun 11-12	Shavu'ot (Jewish)
Jun 16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan (Sikh)
Jun 21	Summer Solstice/Litha (Wiccan)
Jul 10	Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í)
Jul 18	Asalha Puja Day (Buddhism)
Aug 1	Lammas/Lughnassad (Wiccan)
Aug 13	Obon-Ullambana (Buddhism)
Aug 25	Janmashtami (Hindu)

You can find more information of all religious or spiritual celebrations online via the **Interfaith Calendar** <https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/>