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RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2020-21

For your information, these are the dates of major Christian, Jewish and Islamic holidays which will occur while the University is in session during the academic year of 2020 - 2021. These are provided in order that you may know of potential schedule conflicts involving large numbers of students. All students are responsible for negotiating their needs around religious practices with the professor.

Holiday	Religion	Date	Day
Rosh Hashanah	² Jewish	Sept. 19-20, 2020	Saturday-Sunday
Yom Kippur	² Jewish	September 28, 2020	Monday
Sukkot, first two days	² Jewish	October 3-4, 2020	Saturday-Sunday
Shemini Atzeret	² Jewish	October 10, 2020	Saturday
Simchat Torah	² Jewish	October 11, 2020	Sunday
Navaratri	Hindu	October 17-25, 2020	Saturday-Sunday
Dussehra	Hindu	October 25, 2020	Sunday
Diwali	Hindu	November 14, 2020	Saturday
Birth of the Bab	⁴ Baha'i	October 18, 2020	Sunday
Birth of Bahá'u'llá	⁴ Baha'i	October 19, 2020	Monday
Hanukkah	² Jewish	December 11-18, 2020	Friday-Friday
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2020	Friday
Christmas	³ Orthodox Ch.	January 7, 2021	Thursday
Ash Wednesday	Christian	February 17, 2021	Wednesday
Great Lent Begins	³ Orthodox Ch.	March 15, 2021	Monday
Purim	² Jewish	February 26, 2021	Friday
Naw-Rúz	⁴ Baha'i	March 20, 2021	Saturday
Good Friday	Christian	April 2, 2021	Friday
Passover, first two days	² Jewish	March 28-29, 2021	Sunday-Monday
Easter	Christian	April 4, 2021	Sunday
Holy Friday	³ Orthodox Ch.	April 30, 2021	Friday
Passover, last two days	² Jewish	April 3-4, 2021	Saturday-Sunday
Pascha (Easter)	³ Orthodox Ch.	May 2, 2021	Sunday
Ridvan	⁴ Baha'i	April 20, 2021	Tuesday
Ramadan	¹ Islamic	April 13, 2021	Tuesday

¹Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given. Islamic holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the mosque. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days; others may observe the first day of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha.)

²Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.

³Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.

⁴Baha'i holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.