



## Interfaith Calendar 2016-2017 Academic Year

*The dates below are the major religious holidays that will occur during the 2016 – 2017 academic year. Students are responsible for negotiating their needs related to religious observations with the professor.*

Dates	Holiday	Religion/Denomination	Description
September 5, 2016	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	Festival of the Birth of Lord Ganesh (the God of Wisdom)
September 12-13, 2016	Eid al-Adha	Islam/Muslim	Feast of the Sacrifice
September 14, 2016	Onam	Hinduism	Celebration of the homecoming of king Mahabali
October 1-9, 2017	Navaratri	Hinduism	Festival of the divine mother, Durga
October 3-4, 2016	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	New Year
October 11, 2016	Dussehra/Dasara	Hinduism	Festival of Lord Rama's victory over the 10-headed demon king Ravana
October 12, 2016	Yom Kippur Ashura	Judaism Islam/Muslim	Day of Atonement Remembrance of Muharram
October 3, 2016	Hijra	Islam/Muslim	New Year
October 17-18, 2016	Sukkot (First Days)	Judaism	Feast of Tabernacles
October 20, 2016	Birth of the Bab	Baha i	Birth of the Prophet
October 24, 2016	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	Eighth Day of Assembly
October 25, 2016	Simchat Torah	Judaism	Day of Celebrating the Torah
October 30- November 3, 2016	Diwali	Hinduism, Jain, Sikh	Festival of Lights
November 12, 2016	Birth of Baha u llah	Baha i	Birth of Founder
November 14, 2016	Guru Nanak Jayanti Birthday	Sikh	Birth of the first Sikh Guru
December 8, 2016	Bodhi Day	Buddhism	The day Buddha obtained enlightenment
December 12, 2016	Milad un Nabi	Islam/Muslim	Prophet Muhammad's birthday
December 25, 2016	Christmas	Christian (Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox)	Birth of Jesus Christ
December 25-January 1, 2017	Hanukkah	Judaism	Festival of Lights
January 7, 2017	Nativity of Christ	Orthodox Christian	Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ
March 20-21, 2017	Naw-Ruz	Baha i	New Year
April 11-18, 2017	Pesach/Passover	Judaism	Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread
April 14, 2017	Good Friday/Holy Friday	Christian (Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox)	Crucifixion of Jesus Christ



April 16, 2017	Pascha /Easter	Christian (Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox)	Resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 21, 2017	Ridvan (1 <sup>st</sup> Day)	Baha i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
April 28, 2017	Ridvan (9 <sup>th</sup> Day)	Baha i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
May 1, 2017	Ridvan (12 <sup>th</sup> Day)	Baha i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
May 23, 2017	Declaration of the Bab	Baha i	Prophet announcement of new messenger of God
May 26, 2017	Ramadan Begins	Islam/Muslim	30 days of Fasting
May 29, 2017	Ascension of Baha u llah	Baha i	Observance of the death of Founder
May 31-June 1, 2017	Shavuot	Judaism	Festival of Weeks, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai
June 24-25, 2017	Eid al-Fitr	Islam/Muslim	End of Ramadan

*\* Religious holidays for Islam and Judaism begin at sundown of the night before the observance date listed, with the following day being the first full day of the holiday. The holidays conclude at nightfall. For example, Rosh Hashanah starts the evening of Oct 2, and ends the evening of October 4.*