



Interfaith Calendar

2018-2019 Academic Year

The dates below are the major religious holidays that will occur during the 2018-2019 academic year. Students are responsible for negotiating their needs related to religious observations with the professor.

Dates	Holiday	Religion/Denomination	Description
August 15, 2018	Onam	Hinduism	Celebration of the homecoming of king Mahabali
August 21, 2018*	Eid al-Adha	Islam	Feast of the Sacrifice
September 10 – 11, 2018*	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	New Year
September 11 – October 9, 2018	Al-Hijra	Islam	New Year
September 12, 2018	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	Festival of the Birth of Lord Ganesh (the God of Wisdom)
September 19, 2018*	Yom Kippur	Judaism	Day of Atonement
September 21, 2018*	Ashura	Islam	Remembrance of Muharram
September 24-25, 2018*	Sukkot (First Days)	Judaism	Feast of Tabernacles
October 1, 2018*	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	Eighth Day of Assembly
October 2, 2018*	Simchat Torah	Judaism	Day of Celebrating the Torah
October 10 – 19, 2018	Navaratri	Hinduism	Festival of the divine mother, Durga
October 19, 2018	Dussehra/Dasara	Hinduism	Festival of Lord Rama's victory over the 10-headed demon king Ravana
November 7, 2018	Diwali	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism	Festival of Lights
November 9, 2018	Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	Birth of the Prophet
November 12, 2018	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Birth of Founder
November 21, 2018*	Milad un Nabi	Islam	Prophet Muhammad's birthday
November 23, 2018	Guru Nanak Jayanti Birthday	Sikhism	Birth of the first Sikh Guru
December 3 – 10, 2018*	Hanukkah/Chanukah	Judaism	Festival of Lights
December 25, 2018	Christmas	Christianity (Protestant, Catholic)	Birth of Jesus Christ
January 7, 2019	Nativity of Christ	Christianity (Orthodox)	Birth of Jesus Christ
January 13, 2019	Bodhi Day	Buddhism	The day Buddha obtained enlightenment
March 20 – 21, 2019	Naw-Ruz	Baha'i	New Year



April 19, 2019	Good Friday/Holy Friday	Christianity (Protestant, Catholic)	Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
April 20 – 21, 2019*	Pesach/Passover	Judaism	First Two Days of Passover
April 21, 2019	Easter/Pascha	Christianity (Protestant, Catholic)	Resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 21, 2019	Ridvan (1 st Day)	Baha'i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
April 26, 2019	Good Friday/Holy Friday	Christianity (Orthodox)	Crucifixion of Jesus Christ
April 26 – 27, 2019*	Pesach/Passover	Judaism	Seventh and Eighth Days of Passover
April 28, 2019	Easter/Pascha	Christianity (Orthodox)	Resurrection of Jesus Christ
April 29, 2019	Ridvan (9 th Day)	Baha'i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
May 2, 2019	Ridvan (12 th Day)	Baha'i	Holy Day: Founder proclaimed mission in the garden
May 6 – June 4, 2019*	Ramadan	Islam	30 days of Fasting
June 9 – 10, 2019*	Shavuot	Judaism	Festival of Weeks, the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai
May 23 – 24, 2019	Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	Prophet announcement of new messenger of God
May 28 – 29, 2019	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Observance of the death of Founder
June 4, 2019*	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	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.*