

Religious Holidays and Observances Academic Year 2009-2010

The chaplains suggest that major college events not be scheduled between sundown of Wed., September 12, and sundown of Fri., September 14 (Rosh Hashanah); on the evening of Fri., September 21 through sundown, Sat., September 22 (Yom Kippur); Wed., February 6 (Ash Wednesday); Sat., April 19 (First Passover Seder); Sun., April 20 (Second Passover Seder); and Fri., March 21 (Good Friday). Although it is not college policy to cancel classes and appointments on religious holidays, keep in mind that these dates have special significance for many members of the campus community.

Ramadan* (I)	Fri., August 21 (sundown) through Sat., September 19(sundown)
Exaltation of the Holy Cross (O)	Mon., September 14
Laylat al-Qadr* (I)	Mon., September 14 (sundown) through Tue., September 15
Mabon** (PA)	Tues., September 22
Rosh Hashanah (J)	Fri., September 18 (sundown) through Sun., September 20 (sundown)
Eid al-Fitr* (I)	Sat., September 19 (sundown) through Sun., September 20 (sundown)
Yom Kippur (J)	Sun., September 27 (sundown) through Mon., September 28 (sundown)
Dassehra (Vijay Dashami)** (H)	Mon., September 28
Sukkot- First Days (J)	Fri., October 2 (sundown) through Fri., October 9 (sundown)
Sh'mini Atzeret (J)	Fri., October 9 (sundown) through Sat., October 10 (sundown)
Simchat Torah (J)	Sat., October 10 (sundown) through Sun., October 11 (sundown)
Deepavali (Diwali)** (H)	Sat., October 17
Birth of the Báb (BA)	Mon., October 19 (sundown) through Tues., October 20 (sundown)
Samhain** (PA)	Sat., October 31 (sundown) through Sun., November 1 (sundown)
All Saints Day (RC, P)	Mon., November 2
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (BA)	Thurs, November 12
Eid al-Adha* (I)	Thurs., November 26 (sundown) through Fri., November 27 (sundown)

Advent (RC, P)	Four Sundays leading up to Christmas beginning with Sun., November 29
Day of Complete Enlightenment, Bodhi Day (BU)	Tue., December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC)	Tue., December 8
Hanukkah (J)	Fri, December 11 (sundown) through Sat., December 19 (sundown)
Muharram (Muslim New Year)	Fri., December 18
Yule** (PA)	Mon., December 21
Christmas (RC, P)	Fri., December 25
Kwanzaa (AA)	Sat., December 26 (first day) through Fri., January 1
Mary, Mother of God (RC)	Fri., January 1
Epiphany (RC, P)	Wed., January 6
Makar Sankramana/Sankranti** (H)	Thurs., January 14
Tu B'shvat (J)	Fri., January 29 (sundown) through Sat., January 30 (sundown)
Imbolc** (PA)	Tues., February 2
Maha Shivaratri** (H)	Fri., February 12
Chinese New Year (BU)	Sun., February 14
Passing into Parinibbana ** (BU) (Nirvana Day)	Mon., February 15
Shrove Tuesday (P)	Tues., February 16
Ash Wednesday (RC, P)	Wed., February 17
Great Lent begins (O)	Sun., February 21
Purim (J)	Sat., Feb 27 (sundown) through Mon., March 1 (sundown)
Baha'i 19 Day Fast (BA)	Tues., March 2 through Sun., March 21
Ostara/Spring Equinox** (PA)	Fri., March 19 (sundown) through Sat., March 20 (sundown)

Naw Rúz (Bahá'í New Year) (BA)	Sun., March 21
Passion Sunday (RC, P)	Sun., March 21
Palm Sunday (RC, P, O)	Sun., March 28
Pesach (Passover) (J) (first two days)	Mon., March 29 (sundown) through Thurs., March 31(sundown)
First Passover Seder (J)	Mon., March 29
Second Passover Seder (J)	Tues., March 30
Holy Thursday (RC, P)	Thurs., April 1
Good Friday (RC, P)	Fri., April 2
Holy Friday (O)	Fri., April 2
Easter (RC, P)	Sun., April 4
Pascha/Easter (O)	Sun., April 4
Passover (last two days) (J)	Mon., April 5 (sundown) through Tues., April 6 (sundown)
Yom Hashoah (J) (Holocaust Remembrance Day)	Sun., April 11
Ridván (BA)	Tues., April 20 (sundown) through Thurs., April 29 (sundown)
Beltaine** (PA)	Sat., May 1
Ascension of Christ (RC, P)	Thurs., May 13
Orthodox Ascension (O)	Thurs., May 13
Shavuot (J)	Tues., May 18 (sundown) through Thurs., May 20 (sundown)
Declaration of the Báb (BA)	Sat., May 22 (sundown) through Sun., May 23
Vesak or Vesakha Puja ** (BU) (Buddha Day) (Birth, enlightenment and Nirvana celebrated on the same day in So.E.Asian tradition)	Thurs., May 27
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (BA)	Fri., May 28 through Sat., May 29

AA – African-American
BA – Baha’I
BU – Buddhist
H -- Hindu

J – Jewish
I – Islam
O – Orthodox

PA – Pagan
P --Protestant
RC – Roman Catholic

*Exact day depends of the sighting of the moon. **Local customs may vary this date.