

Religious Holidays in the 2017-2018 School Year

The following is a listing of major religious holidays that occur during the 2017-2018 academic year. This guiding document is produced so that scheduling of activities and exams can accommodate the religious needs of our students, alumnae, faculty and staff. The holidays listed here do not represent an exhaustive list. The list includes holidays for many - but by no means all - faiths in our campus community. Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is accurate and inclusive. If you feel there are other holidays that should be added, do not hesitate to contact us.

Because the list is not exhaustive, faculty and staff should continue to consult with their students to be assured any holidays and observances are recognized and accommodated in accord with NYS law (New York State Education Law 224-A). Please visit the 'Academic Calendar' page on the Registrar's site for detailed information concerning the laws and policies regarding religious observances.

Notes:

- Dates are assembled from various calendar sources and cover Fall 2017 through Summer 2018 only. Additional future dates will be listed on the 2018-2019 list.
- The dates for Islamic holidays may vary by lunar cycles, region or practice. Holidays begin at sundown on the first day and end at nightfall on the last day listed.
- Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the first day and end at nightfall on the last day listed.

Date(s)	Holiday or Observance	Observed By
Thursday, August 31, 2017 to Friday, September 1, 2017	Eid-ul-Adha *	Islam
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 to Friday, September 22, 2017	Rosh Hashanah *	Judaism
Thursday, September 21, 2017	Al-Hijra (Muharram)	Islam
Thursday, September 21, 2017 to Friday, September 29, 2017	Navratri	Hinduism
Friday, September 22, 2017	Mabon Autumnal Equinox	Pagan
Sunday, September 24, 2017	Fast of Gedaliah	Judaism
Friday, September 29, 2017 to Saturday, September 30, 2017	Yom Kippur *	Judaism
Saturday, September 30, 2017	Dussehra	Hinduism
Saturday, September 30, 2017 to Sunday, October 1, 2017	Ashura	Islam
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 to Wednesday, October 11, 2017	Sukkot	Judaism
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 to Friday, October 13, 2017	Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah *	Judaism
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Diwali *	Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikh, Jain
Tuesday, October 31, 2017	Samhain	Pagan
Wednesday, November 1, 2017	All Saints Day	Roman Catholic, Unitarian Universalist
Thursday, November 2, 2017	All Souls Day	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Sunday, November 12, 2017	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh *	Baha'i
Friday, December 1, 2017	Maulid al-Nabi	Islam
Sunday, December 3, 2017	First Sunday of Advent	Christian
Friday, December 8, 2017	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Roman Catholic
Friday, December 8, 2017	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
Tuesday, December 12, 2017	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Roman Catholic

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to Wednesday, December 20, 2017	Hanukkah/Chanukah	Judaism
Friday, December 22, 2017	Yule	Pagan
Saturday, December 23, 2017	Joseph Smith's Birthday	Mormon (CJCLDS)
Monday, December 25, 2017	Christmas *	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Tuesday, December 26, 2017 to Monday, January 1, 2018	Kwanzaa	African Heritage
Thursday, December 28, 2017	Fast of the 10th of Tevet	Judaism
Monday, January 1, 2018	The Solemnity of Mary	Roman Catholic
Monday, January 1, 2018	Gantan-sai *	Shinto
Saturday, January 6, 2018	Epiphany	Christian
Saturday, January 6, 2018	Nativity of Jesus Christ	Christian
Sunday, January 7, 2018	Christmas *	Orthodox Christian
Monday, January 15, 2018	Pongal	Hinduism
Wednesday, January 31, 2018	Tu B'Shvat	Judaism
Friday, February 2, 2018	Imbolc	Pagan
Saturday, February 3, 2018	Setsubun-sai	Shinto
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	Shivaratri	Hinduism
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	Start of Lent and Ash Wednesday	Christian
Friday, February 16, 2018	Chinese New Year *	Multifaith, Confucian, Taoist, Buddhist
Monday, February 19, 2018	Clean Monday (Monday of Lent)	Orthodox Christian
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	Fast of Esther	Judaism
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 to Thursday, March 1, 2018	Purim *	Judaism
Friday, March 2, 2018	Holi	Hinduism
Friday, March 2, 2018	Women's Day of Prayer	Multifaith
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	Spring Equinox	Pagan
Sunday, March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Monday, March 26, 2018	Ramanavami	Hinduism
Thursday, March 29, 2018	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Friday, March 30, 2018	Fast of the First Born	Judaism
Friday, March 30, 2018 to Saturday, April 7, 2018	Passover / Pesach *	Judaism
Sunday, April 1, 2018	Easter *	Christian, Unitarian Universalist
Friday, April 6, 2018	Great Friday	Orthodox Christian
Sunday, April 8, 2018	Easter / Pascha *	Orthodox Christian
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 to Thursday, April 12, 2018	Yom Ha Shoah	Judaism

Friday, April 13, 2018	Vaisakhi	Sikh
Saturday, April 14, 2018	Baisakhi	Hinduism
Thursday, April 19, 2018 to Friday, April 20, 2018	Yom Ha Atzmaut	Judaism
Monday, April 30, 2018	Vesak	Buddhism
Tuesday, May 1, 2018	Beltane	Pagan
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 to Thursday, May 3, 2018	Lag B'Omer	Judaism
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Ascension of the Lord	Christian, Orthodox Christian
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 to Thursday, June 14, 2018	Ramadan *	Islam
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	Visakha Puja	Buddhism
Tuesday, May 29, 2018	Ascension of the Baha'ullah	Baha'i
Thursday, June 14 to Friday, June 15, 2018	Eid al-Fitr *	Islam
Thursday, June 21, 2018	Midsomer / Summer Solstice	Pagan
Saturday, July 21 to Sunday, July 22, 2018	Tisha B'Av	Judaism
Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018	Lammas	Pagan

* Denotes holidays with labor/work restrictions.