

MAJOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES: 2018

In order to assist with campus planning and scheduling of events, here is a list of important religious/spiritual observances for which employees and students who observe these holidays might not be on campus for work or class.

This list does not include many other religious/spiritual holidays that are observed by various groups or individuals. A more expansive list of religious/spiritual holidays can be found at <http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2018.htm>

Dates	Holiday	Religion/Spiritual Practice
January – February	Holy Cycle	Hopi
January 1, 2018	Gantan-sai (New Year)	Shinto
January 6, 2018	Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes/ Nativity of Christ **	Christian/Orthodox Christian
February 16, 2018	Chinese New Year	Buddhist/Confucian/Daoist
February 19 – 28, 2018	Midwinter Ceremony	Iroquois
March 2, 2018	Holi	Hindu/Sikh
March 15, 2018	Magha Puja Day **	Buddhist
March 20, 2018	Spring/Fall Equinox	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
March 21, 2018	Naw Ruz/Norouz (New Year)*	Baha'i/Persian/Zoroastrian
March 29, 2018	Mahavir Jayanti **	Jain
March 30 – April 7, 2018	Pesach/Passover *	Jewish
March 30, 2018	Good Friday	Christian
April – May	Strawberry Thanksgiving and Great Feather Dance	Iroquois
April 1, 2018	Easter	Christian
April 8, 2018	Pascha	Orthodox Christian
April 13, 2018	Baisakhi	Hindu/Sikh
April 21- May 2, 2018	Feast of Ridvan	Baha'i
May	Kachina Dances	Hopi
May 1, 2018	Beltane/Samhain *	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)

May 16 – June 14, 2018	Ramadan * **	Islam
May 20, 2018	Pentecost	Christian
May 23, 2018	Declaration of the Bab *	Baha'i
May 27, 2018	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day **	Buddhist
May 29, 2018	Wesak	Buddhist
May 29, 2018	Ascension of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i
June 15 – 17, 2018	Eid al Fitr * **	Islam
July – August	Sun Dance Ritual	Cree, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Sioux, other Plains Tribes
July - August	Green Corn Ceremony	Oklahoma Tribes
August	Native Wild Rice Harvest	Northern Cree, Ojibwa, Algonkian
August	Snake Dance	Hopi
August 15, 2018	Obon **	Shinto
August 21 - 24, 2018	Eid-Al-Adha (End of Hajj) * **	Islam
September 2, 2018	Krishna Janmashtami **	Hindu
September 9 - 11, 2018	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish
September 18 - 19, 2018	Yom Kippur *	Jewish
September 20, 2018	Ashura	Islam
September 23, 2018	Fall/Spring Equinox	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
September 27, 2018	Asalha Puja Day **	Buddhist
October - November	Harvest Ceremony	Iroquois
October 9 - 17, 2018	Navaratri **	Hindu
October 19, 2018	Dussehra	Hindu
October 31, 2018	Samhain/Beltane *	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
November 2, 2018	All Soul's Day/Dia de los Muertos	Catholic Christians

November 7, 2018	Diwali **	Sikh-Hindu-Jain
November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving	USA Interfaith
November 23, 2018	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh
December 21, 2018	Yule/Winter Solstice/Summer Solstice	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
December 25, 2018	Christmas	Christian
December 26, 2018	Death of Prophet Zarathustra *	Zoroastrian

* *Holy days begin at sunset the day before the date listed and end at sundown on the date listed.*

** *Local and regional customs may use a variation of this date.*