

MAJOR RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES: SEPTEMBER 2016 – AUGUST 2017

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://interfaithcalendar.org/2016.htm>

Dates	Holiday	Religion/Spiritual Practice
September 11 - 14, 2016	Eid-Al-Adha (End of Hajj) * **	Islam
September 22, 2016	Fall/Spring Equinox	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
October - November	Harvest Ceremony	Iroquois
October 1 - 10, 2016	Navaratri **	Hindu
October 3 - 4, 2016	Rosh Hashanah (New Year) *	Jewish
October 11, 2016	Dussehra	Hindu
October 12, 2016	Yom Kippur *	Jewish
October 12, 2016	Ashura	Islam
October 30, 2016	Diwali **	Sikh-Hindu-Jain
October 31, 2016	Samhain/Beltane *	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
November 2, 2016	All Soul's Day/Dia de los Muertos	Catholic Christians
November 14, 2016	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Sikh
November 24, 2016	Thanksgiving	USA Interfaith
December 21, 2016	Yule/Winter Solstice/Summer Solstice	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
December 25, 2016	Christmas	Christian
December 26, 2016	Death of Prophet Zarathustra **	Zoroastrian
January – February	Midwinter Ceremony	Iroquois
January – February	Holy Cycle	Hopi
January 1, 2017	Gantan-sai (New Year)	Shinto

January 6, 2017	Epiphany/Dia de los Reyes/ Nativity of Christ **	Christian/Orthodox Christian
January 28, 2017	Chinese New Year	Buddhist/Confucian/Daoist
March 12, 2017	Magha Puja Day **	Buddhist
March 13, 2017	Holi	Hindu/Sikh
March 20, 2017	Spring/Fall Equinox	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
March 21, 2017	Naw Ruz/Norouz (New Year)*	Baha'i/Persian/Zoroastrian
April – May	Strawberry Thanksgiving and Great Feather Dance	Iroquois
April 10, 2017	Mahavir Jayanti **	Jain
April 11 - 18, 2017	Pesach/Passover *	Jewish
April 14, 2017	Good Friday	Christian
April 14, 2017	Baisakhi	Hindu/Sikh
April 16, 2017	Pascha	Orthodox Christian
April 16, 2017	Easter	Christian
April 21- May 2, 2017	Feast of Ridvan	Baha'i
May	Kachina Dances	Hopi
May 1, 2017	Beltane/Samhain *	Wicca-Pagan (Northern/Southern Hemisphere)
May 10, 2017	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day **	Buddhist
May 10, 2017	Wesak	Buddhist
May 23, 2017	Declaration of the Bab *	Baha'i
May 27, 2017	Ramadan begins * **	Islam
May 29, 2017	Ascension of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i
June 4, 2017	Pentecost	Christian
June 26 - 28, 2017	Eid al Fitr * **	Islam
July – August	Sun Dance Ritual	Cree, Arapaho, Cheyenne, Sioux, other Plains Tribes

July - August	Green Corn Ceremony	Oklahoma Tribes
July 9, 2017	Asalha Puja Day **	Buddhist
July 13-15, 2017	Obon **	Shinto
August	Native Wild Rice Harvest	Northern Cree, Ojibwa, Algonkian
August	Snake Dance	Hopi
August 15, 2017	Krishna Janmashtami **	Hindu

* *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.*