Calendar Planning and Avoiding Conflicts

This is a limited list of religious holidays, for more information please visit [www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm](http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm)

The holidays listed below are only examples of some religious holidays known to be observed by some members of the Titan community. As no list can adequately capture every holiday observed by our diverse community, this is not intended to represent all religious holidays or all occasions in which a student, staff or faculty member may need an excused absence for religious observance. Please remember there are other holidays that may conflict with University activities, and be mindful that a request may be made to observe a holiday not cited below.

**NOTE:** Jewish and Islamic holidays start in the evening. Participants may not be available for a class starting the evening before the holiday and remain unavailable until the morning after the holiday ends.

*The Islamic Faith traditionally requires five prayers throughout the day.* Participants may find a quiet space to observe this religious practice. [Specific times](http://www.interfaith-calendar.org/2020.htm) slightly vary from day to day. Some may also choose to participate in a Friday prayer, known as salaat al-jumu’ah, at noon.

**Fall 2020**

- 9/19-20 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
- 9/21 Paryushana Parva (Jain)
- 9/28 Yom Kippur (Jewish) *typically a day of fasting, participants will not be eating or drinking
- 10/3-9 Sukkot (Jewish)
- 10/31-11/2 Dia de los Muertos, day of the dead (Mexican cultural observance)
- 11/1 Samhain – Beltane (Pagan)
- 11/12 Birth of Baha’u’llah (Baha’i) *participants try to refrain from work on this day
- 11/14 Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Sikh)
- 11/30 Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib (Sikh) *celebration of the birth of the traditions founder
- 12/25 Christmas (Christian)
Spring 2021

2/17 Ash Wednesday (Christian) *Lent begins. Participants begin 40 days of fasting and frequent worship

2/26 Purim (Jewish)

3/2-20 Nineteen Day Fast (Baha’i) *Participants fast from food and drink from sunrise to sundown

3/21 Norooz New Year (Persian/Zoroastrian)

Naw-Rûz, New Year (Baha'i)

Ostara – Mabon (Pagan)

Orthodox Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

3/28-4/8 Pesach or Passover (Jewish)

3/29 Holi (Hindu)

4/2 Good Friday (Christian)

4/4 Easter (Christian)

4/13-5/11 Ramadan (Islam) *holiest period of the Islamic year accompanied by strict fasting from food and drink from sunrise to sunset

4/16-5/2 Ridvan (Baha’i) *a 12 day festival in which no work is done on day 1, 9 and 12

5/25 Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)

5/30 Holy Friday (Orthodox Christian)

5/1 Beltane – Samhain (Pagan)

5/2 Pascha Easter (Orthodox Christian)

5/14-16 Eid al Fitr (Islam)

7/20-23 Eid al Adha (Islam)