

2024-25

Interfaith Calendar

As there are many spiritual and religious traditions represented at UVM, there are many sacred days observed throughout the world every week. The following is a small selection of major holy days and celebrations for various traditions occurring during the academic year. For links to campus policies and practices regarding holiday observances for UVM students, staff and faculty, click the link for the full calendar at www.uvm.edu/interfaithcenter/resources

Key Symbols:

 = Work Restricted Holiday

Those observing may not be permitted to engage in daily activities (e.g., work or school) – including taking exams or other routine commitments

 =Traveling Home

While this day may not be work restricted, it may be a holy day or celebration which individuals want to spend with their families or faith communities.

 = Involves Fasting

Those observing may be required to abstain from eating and drinking, either completely or from certain foods, for a period of time (e.g., sunrise to sunset)

Fall Semester

| Holiday | Faith | Date | Weekday | Observance |
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| Krishna Janmashtami | Hinduism | Aug 26 | Monday |  |
| Paryushana Parva | Jainism | Aug 31 - Sept 7 | Sat - Sat |   |
| Rosh Hashanah | Judaism | Oct 2 - 4 | Wed - Frid |   |
| Navaratri | Hinduism | Oct 3 - 12 | Thur - Sat |  |
| Yom Kippur | Judaism | Oct 11 - 12 | Fri - Sat |    |
| Sukkot | Judaism | Oct 16 - 23 | Wed - Wed |   |
| Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah | Judaism | Oct 23 - 25 | Wed - Fri |   |
| Diwali | Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism | Oct 31 | Thursday |  |
| Twin Holy Birthdays (bab & Baha'ullah) | Baha'ism | Nov 2 - 3 | Sat - Sun | |
| Samhain | Paganism | Oct 31 - Nov 1 | Thur - Fri | |
| Dia de los Muertos | Mesoamerican | Nov 1-2 | Fri - Sat | |
| Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday | Sikhism | Nov 15 | Fri | |

Winter Session

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|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------|---|
| Christmas | Christianity | Dec 25 | Wed |  |
| Kwanzaa | African American | Dec 26 - Jan 1 | Thur - Wed | |
| Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year) | Shinto | Jan 1 - 4 | Wed - Sat | |

Spring Semester

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| Lunar New Year | Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist | Jan 29 | Wed |  |
| Magha Puja Day | Buddhism | Feb 12 | Wed | |
| Ramadan | Islam | Mar 1 - Mar 30 | Fri - Sun |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Christianity | Mar 5 | Wed |  |
| Nineteen Day Fast | Baha'ism | Mar 1 - 19 | Sat - Wed |  |
| Eid al-Fitr | Islam | Mar 30 | Sun |  |
| Mahavir Jayanti | Jainism | Apr 10 | Thur | |
| Pesach (Passover) | Judaism | Apr 12 - 20 | Sat - Sun |    |
| Good Friday | Christianity/Orthodox | Apr 18 | Fri |  |
| Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year) | Sikhism | Apr 14 | Mon | |
| Pascha/Easter | Christianity/Orthodox | Apr 20 | Sun |  |
| Beltane | Paganism | May 1 | Thur | |
| Visakha Puja (Buddha Day) | Buddhism | May 12 | Mon | |

Summer Session

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| Declaration of the Bab | Baha'ism | May 22 - 23 | Thur - Fri |  |
| Ascension of Baha'u'llah | Baha'i | May 27 - 28 | Tue - Wed |  |
| Shavuot | Judaism | Jun 1 - 3 | Sun - Tue |   |
| Eid al-Adha | Islam | June 7 | Sat |  |