

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 selection of major holy days and celebrations for various traditions occuring 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

\*\*Note: This calendar is based on USA time and date\*\*

### **Key Symbols:**



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#### **Fall Semester**

Holiday	Faith(s)	Date(s)	Day(s)	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	Aug 16 <sup>+</sup>	Friday	
Paryushana Parva	Jainism	Aug 20 - 27	Wed - Wed	
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Sept - 24 *	Tue - Wed	
Navaratri	Hinduism	Sept 22 - Oct 2 +	Mon - Wed	
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Oct 2*	Thur	
Sukkot	Judaism	Oct 7 - 13 *	Tue - Mon	
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	Oct 14 - 15 *	Tue - Wed	
Diwali	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism	Oct 20	Monday	
Twin Holy Birthdays (bab & Baha'ullah)	Baha'ism	Oct 22 - 23*	Wed - Thur	
Samhain	Paganism	Nov 1*	Saturday	
All Souls' Day	Christianity	Nov 2	Sunday	
Dia de los Muertos	Mesoamerican	Nov 1-2	Sat - Sun	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	Nov 5	Wednesday	

#### Winter Session

Yule	Paganism	Dec 21	Sun
Hanukkah	Judaism	Dec 14 -22	Sun - Mon
Christmas	Christianity	Dec 25	Thursday
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26 - Jan 1	Fri - Thur
Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year)	Shintoism	Jan 1	Thursday



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### **Spring Semester**

Christmas	Orthodox	Jan 7	Wed	
New Year (Ra's as-Sanah)	Orthodox	Jan 14	Wed	
Imbolc	Paganism	Feb 1	Sunday	
Lunar New Year	Confucian, Daoist, Buddhism	Feb 17	Wed	<b>(</b>
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Feb 18	Sat - Wed	
Ramadan	Islam	Feb 18 - Mar 18	Sun	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'ism	Mar 2 -20	Thur	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Mar 3	Sat - Sun	
Holi	Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism	Mar 4	Fri	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'ism	Mar 1 - Mar 20 *	Sun	
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	Mar 19 - 20 *	Thur	
Ostara	Paganism	Mar 20	Mon	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	Mar 31	Sat	
Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	Apr 2 - 9	Thur - Thur	
Good Friday	Christianity/Orthodox	Apr 3/ Apr 10	Fri/Fri	
Easter	Christianity/Orthodox	Apr 5/ Apr 12	Sun/Sun	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikhism	April 14	Tuesday	
Beltane	Paganism	May 1	Friday	
Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhism	May 1	Friday	

#### **Summer Session**

Shavuot	Judaism	May 22 - 23 *	Thur - Fri	
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'ism	May 24 *	Sunday	
Eid al Adha	Islam	May 27 *	Wednesday	
Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	May 29 *	Friday	
Litha	Paganism	Jun 21 +	Sunday	