

2026-27

Interfaith Calendar

Just as many spiritual and religious traditions are represented at UVM, many sacred days are observed throughout the world every week. The following is a selection of major holy days and celebrations occurring during the academic year within a variety of traditions. 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

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Fall Semester

Holiday	Faith(s)	Date(s)	Day(s)	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	Sep 4 ⁺	Friday	
Paryushana Parva	Jainism	Sep 8 - 15	Tue - Tue	 
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Sep 12 - 13 [*]	Sat - Sun	  
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Sept 21 [*]	Mon	  
Sukkot	Judaism	Sept 26 - Oct 2 [*]	Sat - Fri	  
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	Oct 3 - 4 [*]	Sat - Sun	  
Sharad Navaratri	Hinduism	Oct 11 - 20 ⁺	Sun - Tue	
Samhain	Paganism	Nov 1 [*]	Sun	
Día de los Muertos	Mesoamerican	Nov 1-2	Sun - Mon	
All Souls' Day	Christianity	Nov 2	Monday	
Diwali	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism	Nov 8 ⁺	Sunday	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	Nov 24	Tuesday	
Twin Holy Birthdays (bab & Baha'ullah)	Baha'ism	Nov 10 -11 [*]	Tue - Wed	

Winter Session

Hanukkah	Judaism	Dec 5 -12 [*]	Fri - Sat	
Yule	Paganism	Dec 21	Monday	
Christmas	Christianity	Dec 25	Friday	
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26 - Jan 1	Sat - Fri	
Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year)	Shintoism	Jan 1	Friday	

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Christmas	Orthodox	Jan 7	Thursday	
New Year (Ra’s as-Sanah)	Orthodox	Jan 14	Thursday	
Imbolc	Paganism	Feb 1	Monday	
Lunar New Year	Confucian, Daoist, Buddhism	Feb 6	Saturday	
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Feb 10	Wednesday	
Ramadan	Islam	Feb 8 - Mar 8	Sun - Mon	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Feb 21	Sunday	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha’ism	Mar 2 - Mar 20 *	Mon- Sat	  
Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism	Mar 6 - 7	Sat - Sun	
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	Mar 9 - 10 * +	Tue - Wed	
Ostara	Paganism	Mar 20	Saturday	
Holi	Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism	Mar 22	Monday	
Good Friday	Christianity/Orthodox	Mar 26/Apr 30	Friday	
Easter	Christianity/Orthodox	Mar 28/ May 2	Sunday	
Chaitra Navratri	Hinduism	Apr 7 – 15 +	Wed - Thurs	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikhism	April 14	Wednesday	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	April 19	Monday	
Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	Apr 22 - 29 *	Thurs - Thurs	  
Beltane	Paganism	May 1 *	Saturday	
Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhism	May 20	Thursday	

Summer Session

Eid al Adha	Islam	May 16 - 17 * +	Sun - Mon	
Declaration of the Bab	Baha’ism	May 24 *	Monday	
Ascension of Baha’u’llah	Baha’i	May 29 *	Saturday	
Shavuot	Judaism	Jun 11 - 12 *	Fri - Sat	 
Ra’s as-Sanah (Islamic New Year)	Islam	June 5 - 6 **	Fri - Sat	
Litha	Paganism	Jun 21 +	Monday	