


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 falling during the academic year. For links to campus policies and practices regarding holiday observances for UVM students, staff and faculty, visit 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	Tradition	Start - End	Days	Observance
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

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

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

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	