

2020-21

interfaith calendar

As there are an abundance of spiritual and religious traditions represented at UVM, so there are a multitude of 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


(*) Means observances begin at sundown the day before (+) Means dates may vary by country or custom

Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Sept 19 – 20 *	Friday – Sunday	 
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Sept 28 *	Sunday – Monday	  
Sukkot	Judaism	Oct 3 – 9 *	Friday – Friday	 
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	Oct 10 – 11 *	Friday – Sunday	 
Navaratri	Hinduism	Oct 17 – Oct 25 +	Saturday – Sunday	
Twin Holy Birthdays (Bab & Baha'ullah)	Baha'i	Oct 18 – 19 *	Saturday – Monday	
Samhain	Paganism	Nov 1 *	Saturday – Sunday	
Dia de los Muertos	Mesoamerican	Nov 1 – 2	Sunday – Monday	
All Saints & All Souls Day	Christianity	Nov 1 – 2	Sunday – Monday	
Diwali	Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism	Nov 14 – 18 +	Saturday – Wednesday	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	Nov 29	Sunday	






Winter Session

Christmas	Christianity	Dec 25	Friday	
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26 – Jan 1	Saturday – Friday	
Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year)	Shintoism	Jan 1	Friday	

Spring Semester

Lunar New Year	Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism	Feb 12	Friday	
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Feb 17	Wednesday	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'i	Mar 1 – 19 *	Sunday – Friday	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Mar 27 +	Saturday	
Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	Mar 28 – Apr 4 *	Saturday – Sunday	  
Good Friday	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 2 / Apr 30	Friday	
Easter/Pascha	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 4 / May 2	Sunday	
Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhism	May 26 +	Thursday	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikhism	Apr 13	Tuesday	
Ramadan	Islam	Apr 13 – May 12 *	Monday – Wednesday	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	Apr 25 +	Sunday	
Beltane	Paganism	May 1 *	Friday – Saturday	

Summer Session

Eid al-Fitr	Islam	May 13 *	Wednesday – Thursday	
Shavuot	Judaism	May 17 – 18 *	Sunday – Tuesday	 
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	May 23 *	Saturday – Sunday	
Ascension of Baha'ullah	Baha'i	May 28 *	Friday	

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