

# 2021-22

## 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](http://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

Krishna Jhmashtami	Hinduism	Aug 29 <sup>+</sup>	Sunday	
Paryushana Parva	Jainism	Sept 4 – 11	Saturday – Saturday	 
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Sept 7 – 8 <sup>*</sup>	Monday – Wednesday	 
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Sept 16 <sup>*</sup>	Wednesday – Thursday	  
Sukkot	Judaism	Sept 21 – 27 <sup>*</sup>	Monday – Monday	 
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	Sept 28 – 29 <sup>*</sup>	Monday – Wednesday	 
Navaratri	Hinduism	Oct 6 – 14 <sup>+</sup>	Wednesday – Thursday	
Samhain	Paganism	Nov 1 <sup>*</sup>	Sunday – Monday	
Dia de los Muertos	Mesoamerican	Nov 1 – 2	Monday – Tuesday	
Diwali	Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism	Nov 4 – 8 <sup>+</sup>	Thursday – Monday	
Twin Holy Birthdays (Bab & Baha'ullah)	Baha'ism	Nov 6 – 7 <sup>*</sup>	Friday – Sunday	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	Nov 18	Thursday	






### Winter Session

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

### Spring Semester

Lunar New Year	Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism	Feb 1	Tuesday	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'ism	Mar 2 – 20 <sup>*</sup>	Tuesday – Sunday	
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Mar 2	Wednesday	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Mar 2 <sup>+</sup>	Wednesday	
Ramadan	Islam	Apr 2 – May 1 <sup>*</sup>	Friday – Sunday	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikhism	Apr 13	Wednesday	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	Apr 14 <sup>+</sup>	Thursday	
Good Friday	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 15 / Apr 22	Friday	
Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	Apr 16 – 23 <sup>*</sup>	Friday – Saturday	  
Easter/Pascha	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 17 / Apr 24	Sunday	
Beltane	Paganism	May 1 <sup>*</sup>	Saturday – Sunday	
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	May 2 <sup>*</sup>	Sunday – Monday	
Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhism	May 16 <sup>+</sup>	Monday	

### Summer Session

Declaration of the Bab	Baha'ism	May 24 <sup>*</sup>	Monday – Tuesday	
Ascension of Baha'ullah	Baha'ism	May 29 <sup>*</sup>	Saturday – Sunday	
Shavuot	Judaism	June 5 – 6 <sup>*</sup>	Saturday – Monday	 
Eid al Adha	Islam	Jul 10 – 13 <sup>*</sup>	Saturday – Wednesday	

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