

INTERFAITH CALENDAR 2020 – 24

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Fall Semester		2020 – 21	2021 - 22	2022 – 23	2023 – 24	
Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	Aug 11 ⁺	Aug 29 ⁺	Aug 18 ⁺	Sept 6 ⁺	
Paryushana Parva	Jainism	Aug 16 – 23	Sept 4 – Sept 11	Aug 23 – 31	Sept 11 – 19	
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Sept 19 – 20 [*]	Sept 7 – 8 [*]	Sept 26 – 27 [*]	Sept 16 – 17 [*]	
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Sept 28 [*]	Sept 16 [*]	Oct 5 [*]	Sept 25 [*]	
Sukkot	Judaism	Oct 3 – 9 [*]	Sept 21 – 27 [*]	Oct 10 – 16 [*]	Sept 30 – Oct 6 [*]	
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	Oct 10 – 11 [*]	Sept 28 – 29 [*]	Oct 17 – 18 [*]	Oct 7 – 8 [*]	
Navratri	Hinduism	Oct 17 – 25 ⁺	Oct 6 – 14 ⁺	Nov 26 – Oct 4 ⁺	Oct 15 – 23 ⁺	
Twin Holy Birthdays (Bab & Baha'ullah)	Baha'ism	Oct 18 – 19 [*]	Nov 6 – 7 [*]	Oct 26 – 27 [*]	Oct 16 – 17 [*]	
Samhain	Paganism	Nov 1 [*]	Nov 1 [*]	Nov 1 [*]	Nov 1 [*]	
Dia de los Muertos	Mesoamerican	Nov 1 – 2	Nov 1 – 2	Nov 1 – 2	Nov 1 – 2	
Diwali	Jainism, Hinduism, Sikhism	Nov 14 – 18 ⁺	Nov 4 – 8 ⁺	Oct 24 – 28 ⁺	Nov 12 – 16 ⁺	
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday	Sikhism	Nov 29	Nov 18	Nov 7	Nov 26	
Winter Session						
Christmas	Christianity	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25	
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26 – Jan 1	Dec 26 – Jan 1	Dec 26 – Jan 1	Dec 26 – Jan 1	
Oshogatsu/Gantan-Sai (New Year)	Shintoism	Jan 1	Jan 1	Jan 1	Jan 1	

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Spring Semester		2020 – 21	2021 – 22	2022 – 23	2023 – 24	
Lunar New Year	Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism	Feb 12	Feb 1	Jan 22	Feb 10	
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	Feb 17	Mar 2	Feb 22	Feb 14	
Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'ism	Mar 1 – 19 *	Mar 2 – 20 *	Mar 2 – 20 *	Mar 1 – 19 *	
Magha Puja Day	Buddhism	Mar 27 +	Mar 2 +	Mar 6 +	Mar 24 – 25 +	
Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	Mar 28 – Apr 4 *	Apr 16 – 23 *	Apr 6 – 13 *	Apr 23 – 30 *	  
Good Friday	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 2 / Apr 30	Apr 15 / Apr 22	Apr 7 / Apr 14	Mar 29 / May 3	
Easter / Pascha (Easter)	Christianity / Orthodox	Apr 4 / May 2	Apr 17 / Apr 24	Apr 9 / Apr 16	Mar 31 / May 5	
Baisakhi/Vaisakhi (New Year)	Sikhism	Apr 13	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 13	
Ramadan	Islam	Apr 13 – May 12 *	Apr 2 – May 1 *	Mar 23 – Apr 20 *	Mar 11 – Apr 9 *	
Mahavir Jayanti	Jainism	Apr 25 +	Apr 14 +	Apr 4 +	Apr 21 +	
Beltane	Paganism	May 1 *	May 1 *	May 1 *	May 1 *	
Vesak/Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)	Buddhism	May 26 +	May 16 +	May 5 +	May 23 +	
Summer Session						
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	May 13 *	May 2 *	Apr 21 *	Apr 10 *	
Shavuot	Judaism	May 17 – 18 *	June 5 – 6 *	May 26 – 27 *	Jun 12 – 13 *	 
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'ism	May 23 *	May 24 *	May 24 *	May 23 *	
Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'ism	May 28 *	May 29 *	May 29 *	May 28 *	
Eid al Adha	Islam	Jul 20 – 23 *	Jul 10 – 13 *	Jun 29 – Jul 2 *	Jun 17 – 20 *	