

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS 2016-17

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For your information, these are the dates of major *Christian, Jewish and Islamic* holidays which will occur while the University is in session during the academic year of 2016 - 2017.

Holiday	Religion	Date	Day
Eid-al-Adha	¹ Islamic	September 11, 2016	Sunday
Navaratri	Hindu	October 1-10, 2016	Saturday – Monday
Rosh Hashanah	² Jewish	October 3-4, 2016	Monday - Tuesday
Dussehra	Hindu	October 11, 2016	Tuesday
Yom Kippur	² Jewish	October 12, 2016	Wednesday
Sukkot, first two days	² Jewish	October 17-18, 2016	Monday - Tuesday
Shemini Atzeret	² Jewish	October 24, 2016	Monday
Simchat Torah	² Jewish	October 25, 2016	Tuesday
Diwali	Hindu	October 30, 2016	Sunday
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2016	Sunday
Hanukkah	² Jewish	Dec. 25 – Jan. 1, 2017	Sunday - Sunday
Christmas	³ Orthodox Ch.	January 7, 2017	Saturday
Great Lent Begins	³ Orthodox Ch.	February 27, 2017	Monday
Ash Wednesday	Christian	March 1, 2017	Wednesday
Purim	² Jewish	March 12, 2017	Sunday
Passover, first two	² Jewish	April 11-12, 2017	Tuesday – Wednesday
Good Friday	Christian	April 14, 2017	Friday
Holy Friday	³ Orthodox Ch.	April 14, 2017	Friday
Easter	Christian	April 16, 2017	Sunday
Pascha (Easter)	³ Orthodox Ch.	April 16, 2017	Sunday
Passover, last two	² Jewish	April 17-18, 2017	Monday – Tuesday

¹*Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given. Islamic holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the mosque. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days; others may observe the first day of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha.)*

²*Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.*

³*Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.*