

**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**  
**CALENDAR AND POLICIES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS AND OBSERVANCES**  
**Center for Religious and Spiritual Life**  
**Academic Year 2021-2022**

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**FALL SEMESTER 2021**

<b>DATE 2021</b>	<b> DAYS</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>RELIGION</b>	<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION</b>
July 31 Aug 1	sundown Saturday sundown Sunday	Lughnasadh*	Paganism, Wicca	First of three festivals celebrating harvest; also known as <i>Lammas</i>	
Aug 9 Aug 10	sundown Saturday sundown Sunday	Islamic New Year*	Islam	Month marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year; this first day, al-Hijra, recalls the migration of Mohammed and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE; for Shi'a Muslims, also marks the beginning of the ten-day Remembrance of Muharram, recalling the martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Mohammed	Shi'a Muslim students and employees may be fasting.
Aug 15	Saturday	Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christianity (C)	Commemorates the bodily taking up of Mary, the mother of Jesus, into heaven at the end of her earthly life	
Aug 17 Aug 18	sundown Tuesday sundown Wednesday	Ashura	Islam	A day of fasting recalling Moses' exodus from Egypt; for Shi'a Muslims, the climax of the Remembrance of Muharram, marking the martyrdom of Hussein at the Battle of Karbala	Muslim students and employees may be fasting.

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Aug 22	Sunday	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism	Festival celebrating family relationships; also called <i>Rakhi</i>	
Aug 25		<i>First Day of Classes for Undergraduates</i>			
Aug 30	Monday	Krishna Janmashtami, Jayanti	Hinduism	Principal festival for the god Krishna, celebrating his birth	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on this day, since it is likely Hindu students and employees may have had little sleep and may be fasting.
Sep 1	Tuesday	Gur-Gaddi Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism	Commemorate Sri Guru Granth Sahib, who is considered the eternal guru who holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs, and who is a spiritual guide for all Sikhs	
Sep 4 Sep 11	Saturday Saturday	Paryushana	Jainism	Festival of repentance and forgiveness, removing accumulated karma from the previous year and developing control over accumulating new karma; includes rituals and processions	Jain students and employees may be fasting.
Sep 6 Sep 8	sundown Monday sundown Wednesday	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Beginning of the Jewish new year and the first of the High Holy Days, a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. If planning an evening event, provide food accommodations if requested (kosher dietary restrictions apply).
Sep 9	Thursday	Fast of Gedaliah	Judaism	Fast that remembers the assassination of Gedaliah, the righteous Babylonian governor of Judah; his death was the end of Jewish autonomy after the destruction of the First Temple	Jewish students and employees may be fasting.
Sep 10	Saturday	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism	Festival celebrating the god Ganesha	
Sep 15 Sep 16	sundown Wednesday sundown Thursday	Yom Kippur	Judaism	The “Day of Atonement” marking the end of ten days of penitence that began on Rosh Hashanah	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date. Jewish students and employees may be fasting all day.

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Sep 20 Sep 27	sundown Monday sundown Monday	Sukkot	Judaism	The week-long “Festival of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelite people on the way to the Promised Land	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on the first two days, which are non-working days.
Sep 22	Wednesday	Mabon (Fall Equinox)*	Paganism, Wicca	Time of thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth and the need to share them; also known as <i>Harvest Home</i> or the <i>Feast of the Ingathering</i>	
Sep 27 Sep 28	sundown Monday sundown Tuesday	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	“The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” observed on the day following Sukkot	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.
Sep 28 Sep 29	sundown Tuesday sundown Wednesday	Simchat Torah	Judaism	“Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of public reading of the Pentateuch and the reading cycle beginning again	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.
Oct 6 Oct 14	Wednesday Thursday	Navarati	Hinduism	Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil; festival celebrating the universal mother known as Durga, Devi, or Shakti; marks the start of the fall	
Oct 14 Oct 15		<i>Fall Break for Undergraduates</i>			
Oct 15	Friday	Dussehra, Dassera	Hinduism	Festival following Navaratri, celebrating the god Rama’s victory over the demon Ravana; includes readings from <i>Ramayana</i>	
Oct 17 Oct 18	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islam (Su)	Birthday of the founder of Islam, the Prophet Mohammed; Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims; also known as Malid al-Nabi	Sunni Muslim employees may request this day off.
Oct 22 Oct 23	sundown Friday sundown Saturday	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islam (Sh)	Birthday of the founder of Islam, the Prophet Mohammed; Sunni Muslims celebrate it five days earlier than Shi'a Muslims	Shi'a Muslim students and employees may request this day off.

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Oct 30 Oct 31	sundown Saturday sundown Sunday	Samhain*	Paganism, Wicca	A festival of darkness; time to celebrate the lives of ancestors, loved ones, and others who have died; coincides with Halloween and the Day of the Dead	
Nov 1	Monday	All Saints Day	Christianity (C, P)	Remembers all known and unknown Christian saints; Orthodox Christianity observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost	
Nov 2	Tuesday	Dhanteras	Hinduism	First day of the festival of Diwali; recalls the giving of Ayurveda (a system of medical theory and practice) by the god Dhanvantari for the betterment of humanity and ridding the world of disease	
Nov 4	Thursday	Bandi-Chhor Diwas	Sikhism	Celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment; coincides with Diwali	
Nov 4	Thursday	Diwali*	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism	Festival of lights, celebrating good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance; for Hindus, associated with the gods Rama and Krishna and the goddess Lakshmi; also known as <i>Deepvali</i>	Hindu, Jain, and Sikh students and employees may request this day off.
Nov 5 Nov 6	sundown Friday sundown Saturday	Birth of the Báb*	Bahá'í	Anniversary of the birth in 1819 of the Báb, prophet-herald of the Bahá'í faith, in Shíráz, Persia	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Bahá'í employees suspend work on this day and will likely request this day off.
Nov 6	Saturday	Bhai Dooj	Hinduism	Celebrated during Diwali, this is a holiday similar to Raksha Bandhan, celebrating the relationship between sisters and brothers	
Nov 6 Nov 7	sundown Saturday sundown Sunday	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*	Bahá'í	Anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá'u'lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá'í, in Núr, Persia	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Bahá'í employees suspend work on this day and will likely request this day off.

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Nov 19	Friday	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday	Sikhism	Celebration of the birth the First Guru of the Sikhs and the founder of Sikhism	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Sikh employees may request this day off.
Nov 20 Nov 28		Thanksgiving Break for Undergraduates			
Nov 22 Nov 23	sundown Monday sundown Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> of Kislev	Judaism (Chabad)	Commemorates the release of the founder of Chabad Hasidism, Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, from a Russian prison	
Nov 24 Nov 25	sundown Wednesday sundown Thursday	Day of the Covenant	Bahá'í	Recalls Bahá'u'lláh's appointment of Abdu'l-Baha as successor	
Nov 28 Dec 24	Sunday Thursday	Advent	Christianity	A season of spiritual preparation prior to the observance of the birth of Jesus; in Western Christianity, it begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas; in Orthodox Christianity, the season is longer and begins in mid-November	Orthodox Christian students and employees may be fasting.
Nov 28 Dec 6	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Chanukah	Judaism	Eight-day "Festival of Lights" celebrating the rededication of the Temple to worship of God in 164 BCE; commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greek king Antiochus, who suppressed freedom of worship; also known as <i>Hanukkah</i>	Academics and work are permitted. Provide food accommodations as requested (kosher restrictions apply; potato pancakes, doughnuts, and other fried foods are customary).
Dec 8		Reading Day			
Dec 8	Wednesday	Bodhi Day	Buddhism	Marks the day that the Buddha experienced enlightenment or spiritual awakening (bodhi); celebrated either in December or the twelfth month of the lunar calendar; also known as <i>Rohatsu</i>	Buddhist students and employees may have had little sleep.
Dec 8	Tuesday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Christianity (C)	Recalls the conception of Mary, who would become the mother of Jesus, without original sin	

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Dec 10		Undergraduate Classes End			
Dec 11 Dec 18		Reading and Exams for Undergraduates			
Dec 12	Sunday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Christian (C)	Celebrates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Catholicism, in 1531	
Dec 14	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> of Tevet	Judaism	A day of fasting that recalls the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar in 588 BCE, which led to the destruction of the First Temple and the exile of the Jewish people.	Jewish students and employees may be fasting.
Dec 19 Jan 9		Winter Break for Undergraduates			
Dec 20 Dec 21	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Yule (Winter Solstice)*	Paganism, Wicca	Marks a turning point in the yearly cycle, as the reduced presence of the sun ends; feasting, gift-giving, and decorating with evergreen are common	
Dec 24 Dec 25	sundown Thursday Friday	Christmas	Christianity (C, P)	Commemorates the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Catholic and Protestant Christian employees will likely request this day off.

## SPRING SEMESTER 2022

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Jan 1	Saturday	Gantan-sai	Shintoism	Celebrates the new year; also known as <i>Shogatsu</i> or <i>Japanese New Year</i>	Shinto employees may request the day off.
Jan 1	Saturday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Christianity (C)	Celebrates the identity of Mary as the mother of Jesus, the Son of God; derived from the Greek title <i>Theotokos</i> , “Bearer of God”	
Jan 5	Wednesday	Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday	Sikhism	Guru Gobind Singh was the Tenth Sikh Guru of Nanak and founder of the Khalsa, the sacred community of Sikhs	
Jan 6	Thursday	Epiphany	Christianity (C, P, O)	In Catholic and Protestant Christianity, recalls the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus; also known as <i>Three Kings Day</i> ; in Orthodox Christianity, celebrates the manifestation of Jesus as Christ and the baptism of Jesus by John, also known as <i>Theophany</i>	
Jan 7	Friday	Christmas	Christianity (O)	Celebrates the birth of Jesus	Orthodox Christian employees will likely request this day off.
Jan 10		First Day of Classes for Undergraduates			
Jan 11 Jan 12	sundown Tuesday sundown Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> of Shvat	Judaism (Chabad)	Commemorates the death of the sixth Chabad Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn and the acceptance of leadership by the seventh Rebbe, Rabbi Menacham Mendel Schneerson	
Jan 13	Thursday	Maghi	Sikhism	Celebrates 40 Sikh martyrs who deserted and then returned to the	

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				tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh, in order to fight the Mughal Empire	
Jan 14	Friday	Makar Sankranti,* Pongal	Hinduism	Seasonal celebration marking turning of the sun to the north.	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.
Jan 16	Sunday	World Religion Day	Bahá'í	Observance of the oneness of religion and the belief that world religion will unify all people	
Jan 16 Jan 17	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Tu B'Shvat	Judaism	Celebrates the fruits and trees of Israel, and the deeper spiritual significance of nature; also known as <i>Rosh Hashanah for the Trees</i>	
Jan 17		<i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>			
Jan 18	Thursday	Mahayana New Year*	Buddhism	Adherents of the Mahayana tradition of Buddhism celebrate the new year on the first full moon in January	
Jan 31 Feb 1	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Imbolc*	Paganism, Wicca	A time of spring cleaning and anticipation of the new year's life; in Celtic traditions it is dedicated to the goddess Brigid; in other traditions it is a time of rededication or initiation; also known as <i>Imbolg</i>	
Feb 1	Tuesday	Lunar New Year	Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism	Celebrates the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar; also known as <i>Spring Festival</i>	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Students and employees who are adherents to these faiths may request to have this day off.
Feb 2	Wednesday	Setsubun-sai	Shintoism	Day before the traditional beginning of spring in Japan; associated with the Lunar New Year; includes rituals to cleanse evil of the prior year and drive away evil spirits for the coming year	

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Feb 5	Saturday	Vasant Panchami (Saraswati Puja)	Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism	Held 40 days before Holika and Holi, a preparation for spring; nature of observance varies by region; many Hindus celebrate the goddess Sarawati who embodies creating energy and love, and is the goddess of knowledge, language, music, and arts	
Feb 14 Feb 15	sundown Monday sundown Tuesday	Purim Katan	Judaism	The “Feast of Lots” marks the salvation of the Jews from extermination in ancient Persia; also known as <i>Little Purim</i> , this observance is the result of a “leap month” added to the Jewish lunar calendar	
Feb 15	Tuesday	Nirvana Day*	Buddhism	Observed by Mahayana adherents as the day the Buddha achieved complete nirvana upon the death of his physical body; date may vary by sect or region	
Feb 16	Wednesday	Magha Puja	Buddhism	Commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 enlightened disciples in the historical Buddha’s presence; also known as <i>Sangha Day</i>	
Feb 25 Mar 1	sundown Friday sundown Tuesday	Ayyám-i-Há	Bahá’í	The “Days of Ha” are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity, and gift giving. They are celebrated these four days before the last month of the Bahá’í year by inserting days into the calendar in order to maintain the solar calendar; also called <i>Intercalary Days</i>	
Feb 28	Monday	Maha Shivaratri, Shiva Ratri*	Hinduism	The “Great Night of Shiva” is a festival dedicated to the god Shiva;	

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				celebrated on the 13 <sup>th</sup> night or 14 <sup>th</sup> day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar	
Feb 28 Mar 1	sundown Wednesday sundown Thursday	Lailat al-Mi'raj*	Islam	The "Night Journey" of the Prophet Mohammed, commemorating his mystical journey from Mecca to al-Aqsa in Jerusalem and then to heaven; also known as <i>Shab-e-Mi'raj</i> and <i>Miraç Kandili</i>	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Muslim students and employees may have had little sleep.
Mar 2	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)	Christianity (C, P)	First day of Lent, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, excluding Sundays	
Mar 2 Mar 19	sundown Wednesday sundown Saturday	'Alá'	Bahá'í	Bahá'ís between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset, and set aside time for prayer and meditation; also called the <i>Nineteen Day Fast</i>	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Bahá'í students and employees may be fasting.
Mar 7	Monday	Clean Monday (Great Lent begins)	Christianity (O)	First day of Great Lent, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for <i>Pascha</i> (Easter), including Sundays	
Mar 16	Wednesday	Fast of Esther	Judaism	Commemorates the fasting and repentance of Esther (and the entire Jewish community) before she pleaded the case of the Jewish people before the king of Persia.	Jewish students and employees may be fasting.
Mar 16 Mar 17	sundown Wednesday sundown Thursday	Purim	Judaism	The "Feast of Lots" marks the salvation of the Jews from extermination in ancient Persia	Purim is not subject to work restrictions, but some sources indicate Jews should not go about ordinary business at Purim in order to respect the festival. If planning an evening event, provide food accommodations if requested (kosher dietary restrictions apply).

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Mar 18	Friday	Holi	Hinduism	Festival associated with the defeat of the demoness Holika; celebrated by throwing colored powders and paints	
Mar 18 Mar 19	sundown Sunday sundown Monday	Lailat al-Bara'at	Islam	Marked as the night when one may ask Allah for forgiveness; celebrated by Shi'a Muslims as the birth of Muhammed al-Mahdi	Shi'a Muslim students and employees may have had little sleep.
Mar 19	Saturday	Hola Mohalla*	Sikhism	A martial arts parade coinciding with Holi; actual celebration date may vary by location	
Mar 19 Mar 20	sundown Saturday sundown Sunday	Ostara (Spring Equinox)*	Paganism, Wicca	Light and darkness are in balance, with growing light; a time of new beginnings and emerging life; also known as <i>Eostar</i>	
Mar 21	Monday	Naw-Rúz, Nowrúz*	Bahá'í, Zoroastrianism	New Year's Day in the Bahá'í tradition; traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of spring and the start of the Iranian new year; date may vary by region or sect	
Mar 26	Saturday	Khordad Sal	Zoroastrianism	Celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrian religion; specifically celebrated in India and Iran, following the Persian new year, Nowrúz	
Apr 2 May 2	sundown Saturday sundown Monday	Ramadan*	Islam	A month of fasting commemorating the first revelation of the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammed	Muslim students and employees will be fasting for an extended time during daylight hours, which may result in less stamina. For evening events, provide food accommodations as requested (Islamic dietary restrictions apply). Further recommendations TBA.

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Apr 10	Sunday	Palm Sunday	Christianity (C, P)	Observed the Sunday before Easter to recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem	
Apr 10	Sunday	Rama Navami	Hinduism	Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic <i>Ramayana</i> , and seventh incarnation of Vishnu	
Apr 14	Thursday	Maundy Thursday	Christianity (C, P)	Celebrated the Thursday before Easter, commemorates the Last Supper, at which Jesus and his followers were together for the last time before his crucifixion; also known as <i>Holy Thursday</i>	
Apr 14	Thursday	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	Jainism	Celebrates the birth of Mahavir Swami, the 24 <sup>th</sup> and last Tirthankara of present Avasarpini	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.
Apr 14	Thursday	Vaisakhi	Sikhism	Celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated); also called <i>Baisakhi</i>	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Sikh students and employees may request this day off.
Apr 15	Friday	Good Friday	Christianity (C, P)	Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter	Some Christian students and employees may be fasting.
Apr 15 Apr 23	sundown Friday sundown Saturday	Pesach	Judaism	Eight-day “Feast of Unleavened Bread,” celebrating Israel’s deliverance from bondage in Egypt; also known as Passover	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Evening of Apr 15, and all day Apr 16 and 17; evening of Apr 21 and all day Apr 22 and 23 are non-work days. Provide food accommodations as requested (kosher dietary restrictions apply; the use of leavening is prohibited).
Apr 16	Saturday	Theravada New Year*	Buddhism	Adherents of the Theravada tradition of Buddhism celebrate the new year on the first full moon in April	

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Apr 16	Saturday	Easter Vigil	Christianity (C, P)	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus; may also be the time of initiation for new Christians	
Apr 17	Sunday	Easter	Christianity (C, P)	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Catholic and Protestant Christian employees may request this day off.
Apr 17	Sunday	Palm Sunday	Christianity (O)	Observed the Sunday before Pascha to recall the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Orthodox Christian employees may request this day off.
Apr 19 May 1	sundown Tuesday sundown Sunday	Ridván	Bahá'í	The “Most Great Festival” which commemorates the 12 days when Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í faith, resided in a garden called Ridván (paradise) and publicly proclaimed his mission as God's messenger for this age	The 1 <sup>st</sup> day (Apr 20), 9 <sup>th</sup> day (Apr 28), and 12 <sup>th</sup> day (May 1) are work restricted. Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on these days. Bahá'í students and employees may request these days off.
Apr 25		<i>Classes End for Undergraduates</i>			
Apr 14	Thursday	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak	Jainism	Celebrates the birth of Mahavir Swami, the 24 <sup>th</sup> and last Tirthankara of present Avasarpini	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities.
Apr 22	Friday	Holy Friday	Christianity (O)	Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Pascha	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Orthodox Christians may be fasting.
Apr 24	Sunday	Pascha (Easter)	Christianity (O)	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Orthodox Christian employees may request this day off.
Apr 27 Apr 28	sundown Wednesday sundown Thursday	Yom HaShoah	Judaism	“Holocaust Remembrance Day” memorializes the martyrdom of six million Jews who died in the Nazi Holocaust	Academics and work are permitted. Provide food accommodations as requested (kosher dietary restrictions apply).

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Apr 28	sundown Thursday	Lailat al-Qadr*	Islam	The “Night of Power” when the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Mohammed; date of observance may vary depending on tradition	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Muslim students and employees may have had little sleep.
Apr 29	sundown Friday				
May 1	Sunday	Beltane	Paganism, Wicca	Celebrates the fullness of life, youthfulness, and the greening of the world; halfway between the spring equinox and the summer solstice, marks the beginning of summer; also known as <i>May Eve</i>	
May 2	sundown Monday	Eid al-Fitr (end of Ramadan)*	Islam	The “Feast of Breaking the Fast” marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Muslim students and employees may request this day off.
May 4	sundown Wednesday				
May 9		<i>Maymester Begins</i>			
May 13		<i>Commencement</i>			
May 16	Wednesday	Buddha Day*	Buddhism	Marks the birth, spiritual awakening, and death of the historical Buddha; date may vary by region or sect; also known as <i>Visakha Puja</i> or <i>Vesak</i>	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Buddhist students and employees will likely request to have this day off.
May 18	sundown Wednesday	Lag B'Omer	Judaism	Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime	
May 19	sundown Thursday				
May 22	sundown Saturday	Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í	Commemorates the day in 1844 when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í faith, announced that he was the herald for the new messenger of God	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Bahá'í students and employees suspend work on this day and will likely request to have this day off.
May 23	sundown Sunday				
May 26	Thursday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	Christianity (C)	Celebrated 40 days after Easter, commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven	

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May 27 May 28	sundown Thursday sundown Friday	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Bahá'í	Observance of the death in exile of Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í faith	
June 4 June 6	sundown Saturday sundown Monday	Shavout	Judaism	The "Feast of Weeks," celebrating the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. These are non-work days and Jewish students and employees may request these days off. Jewish students and employees may have had little sleep.
June 5	Sunday	Pentecost	Christianity (C, P)	The seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on followers of Jesus; marks the birth of the Christian church; also known as Whitsunday	
June 7		<i>First-Half and Full-Term Summer Classes Begin</i>			
June 20	Sunday	Pentecost	Christianity (O)	The seventh Sunday after Pascha, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on followers of Jesus; marks the birth of the Christian church	
June 21	Monday	World Humanist Day	Humanism, Materialism, Secularism	Promotes awareness of Humanism as a philosophical life stance and means to effect change in the world	
June 20 June 21	sundown Monday sundown Tuesday	Litha (Summer Solstice)	Paganism, Wicca	Marks the middle of the summer, when the sun is at its greatest strength	
July 8 July 9	sundown Friday	Waqfa Arafat*	Islam	Second day of the Hajj pilgrimage, recalling the Prophet Mohammed	Muslim students and employees may be fasting.

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	sundown Saturday			giving his Farewell Sermon; adherents not on the Hajj repent of their sins	
July 9 July 12	sundown Saturday sundown Tuesday	Eid al-Adha*	Islam	Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to God's command; marks the end of the annual Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca)	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities on this date.
July 9	Friday	Martyrdom of the Báb	Bahá'í	Marks the execution of the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í faith, in 1850	Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, and activities. Bahá'í students and employees will likely request this day off.
July 13	Wednesday	Dharma Day	Buddhism	Recalls the Buddha's first discourse following his spiritual enlightenment; also known as <i>Asalha Puja</i>	
July 13	Wednesday	Guru Purnima	Hinduism Jainism	Dedicated to all spiritual and academic gurus who share their wisdom; also called <i>Vyasa Purnima</i> , as celebration of Veda Vyasa who wrote the Mahabharata and compiled the Vedas; revived by Mahatma Gandhi to honor his spiritual guru, Shrimad Rajchandra; many Indians, regardless of faith tradition, may celebrate by thanking teachers	
July 13 July 15	Wednesday Thursday	Obon*	Buddhism	Japanese Buddhist observance for the spirits of past ancestors and striving to relieve aching souls from suffering; date varies from region to region; in other regions or practices may also be called <i>Ullambana</i> and observed in August	
July 17	Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> of Tammuz	Judaism	Commemorating the breach of the walls of Jerusalem before the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE	Jewish students and employees may be fasting.

<b>DATE 2022</b>	<b> DAYS</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>RELIGION</b>	<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION</b>
July 24	Saturday	Pioneer Day	Latter-day Saints	Commemorates the entry of Brigham Young and the first group of Mormon pioneers into the Salt Lake Valley of Utah in 1847	
July 30	Saturday	Islamic New Year*	Islam	Month marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year; this first day, al-Hijra, recalls the migration of Mohammed and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE; also marks the beginning of the ten-day Shi'a Muslim Remembrance of Muharram, recalling the martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Mohammed	