

High Holy Days 2019-2020 Academic Year

September 2019	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
1 (Sunday)	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
29 (Sunday)	Navratri	Hindu
29 (Sunday)	Rosh Hashanah (evening of the Jewish New Year Celebration) Jewish holy days begin and end at sunset. Observance may include ceasing from labor, defined as commerce, writing, work, and travel.	Jewish
October 2019	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
1 (Tuesday)	Rosh Hashanah (evening of the Jewish New Year Celebration) Jewish holy days begin and end at sunset. Observance may include ceasing from labor, defined as commerce, writing, work, and travel.	Jewish
9 (Wednesday)	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) <i>Fasting</i> Jewish holy days begin and end at sunset. Observance may include ceasing from labor, defined as commerce, writing, work, and travel, and a 25 hour full fast.	Jewish
27 (Saturday)	Diwali (Festival of Lights) Those celebrating may wake up before dawn to pray at a temple. An evening feast also occurs. Those traveling to a temple for Puja-traditional ritual worship, may be away from campus.	Hindu
29 (Tuesday)	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i
31 (Thursday)	Samhain	Pagan

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February 2020	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
21 (Friday)	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
26 (Wednesday)	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) <i>fasting and /or dietary shifts</i>	Christian
March 2020	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
9 (Monday)	Holi (Festival of Colors)	Hindu
April 2020	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
8-16 (Wednesday sundown- Thursday Sundown)	Pesach/Passover Eight days of Passover observance Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown. Observance may include ceasing from labor, defined as Commerce, writing, work, and travel, during first and last two day. (Passover dietary restrictions prohibit cereal grains and yeast fermentation products.)	Jewish
10 (Friday)	Good Friday	Christian
12 (Sunday)	Easter	Christian
17 (Friday)	Orthodox Good Friday	Christian Orthodox
19 (Sunday)	Orthodox Easter/ Pascha	Christian Orthodox
23 (Thursday)	Holy Month of Ramadan (<i>Fasting from dawn to sundown students will have no food or drink and may need accommodations for assignments and final exams/papers.</i>) Begins on or around this appointed date once the moon has been sighted—is observed for 30 days.	Muslim
May 2020	Holiday or Observance	Tradition
1 (Friday)	Beltane	Pagan