High Holy Days 2020-2021

May 2020
23-24 (Saturday-Sunday) Eid al-Fitr Islamic Begins at sighting of crescent moon, the Feast of Breaking the Fast marking the end of Ramadan.

28-30 (Thursday –Saturday) Shavuot Jewish Begins at sundown, festival of first fruits, following the key harvest season.

July 2020
28-August 2(Tuesday-Sunday) Hajj Islamic Begins at sundown, an annual pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, Saudi Arabia; all able Muslims must make the pilgrimage at least once.

29 (Wednesday) Tisha B’Av Jewish Begins at sundown – marks the destruction of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE and again in 70 CE.

30 (Thursday) Eid al-Adha Islamic Three-day festival ending the Hajj pilgrimage.

August 2020
16 (Sunday) Paryushana Jain Also known as the Festival of Forgiveness, it’s the most important Jain religious observance.

19(Wednesday) Islamic New Year Islamic Beginning at the sighting of crescent moon, it’s also known as the Hijri or Arabic New Year.

September 2020
18-20 (Friday- Sunday) Rosh Hashanah Jewish (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.

27-28 (Sunday-Monday) Yom Kippur Jewish (Day of Atonement) Fasting 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.

October 2020
17 (Saturday) Navratri Hindu
18-19 (Sunday-Monday) Birth of Bahá'u'lláh Baha'i
31 (Saturday) Samhain Pagan
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November 2020
14 (Saturday) Diwali Hindu (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.

February 2021
17 (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday Christian (Lent begins) fasting and/or dietary shifts.

March 2021
11 (Thursday) Maha Shivaratri Hindu  Maha Shivaratri gives reverence to the Lord Shiva god. The festival is also known as ‘Great Night of Shiva’ or ‘Shivaratri’.

27- April 4 (Saturday-Sunday) Pesach/Passover Jewish (Saturday sundown- 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.)

29 (Monday) Holi Hindu (Festival of Colors).

April 2021
2 (Friday) Good Friday Christian

2 (Friday) Orthodox Good Friday Christian Orthodox

4 (Sunday) Easter Christian

12-May 11 (Monday-Tuesday) Holy Month of Ramadan Muslim (Fasting from dawn to sundown students will have no food or drink and may need accommodations for assignments and final exams/papers.) Begins on or around this appointed date once the moon has been sited—is observed for 30 days.
May 2021

1 (Saturday) Beltane Pagan

2 (Sunday) Orthodox Easter/ Pascha Christian Orthodox

12-13 (Wednesday-Thursday) Eid al-Fitr Islamic Begins at sighting of crescent moon, the Feast of Breaking the Fast marking the end of Ramadan.

16-18 (Sunday-Tuesday) Shavuot Jewish Begins at sundown, festival of first fruits, following the key harvest season.