

Fall 2021 Interfaith Holiday Calendar

Campus Ministry has developed this calendar to be used by the College community in order to encourage the religious and faith practices of all members of our community.

This interfaith calendar provides information on select world religious holidays that fall within the academic calendar and may therefore effect students, faculty, and staff. Suggestions for accommodating students, faculty, and staff who are celebrating these holidays are included for each listed holiday. Please note that some holidays in some traditions are tied to the lunar calendar or to particular cultural patterns that vary by region or by which make their location in the calendar somewhat more fluid.

Islamic Holidays: Regional customs or moon sightings may cause a variation of the date for Islamic holidays, which begin at sundown the day before the date specified for the holiday. The Islamic calendar is lunar and the days begin at sunset, so there may be one-day error depending on when the New Moon is first seen.

For holidays associated with Christianity, the following notations are used to denote observance by particular strands of the Christian tradition: RC-Roman Catholic P-Protestant O-Orthodox

If this calendar does not include a significant date of your religious tradition, please let us know by emailing campusministry@anselm.edu

2021	Days	Holiday	Religion
Aug 30	Sundown Mon – Sundown Tue	**Sri Krishna Jayanti (date may vary) <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling major academic deadlines on this day, since it is likely that Hindu students will be operating on very little sleep. Some may fast during the first day.	Hindu
September 6- September 8	Sundown Sun- Sundown Wed	**Rosh Hashanah (first 2 days) <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date.	Judaism

		If planning an event, provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply).	
September 4-11	Saturday to Saturday	Paryushana-Parva <i>Religious accommodations:</i> Jain students and employees may be fasting.	Jainism
September 15-16	Sundown Wed-Sundown Thurs	**Yom Kippur <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. Jewish students and employees may be fasting all day.	Judaism
September 20-September 27	Sundown Mon-Sundown Mon	**Sukkot <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on the first two days. Eve and first day are non-working for Reform Jews; Eve, first and second days are non-working for Orthodox Jews.	Judaism
September 27-September 29	Sundown Mon-Sundown Wed	**Shemini Atzeret **Simchat Torah <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date.	Judaism

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October 7-October 15	Sundown Thurs-Sundown Fri	Navaratri Note: Some Hindus will pray and fast.	Hinduism
Oct 18 – Oct 19	Sundown Mon-Sundown Tue	Mawlid al-Nabi (dates can vary by a day) Muslim students and employees may be fasting.	Islam
November 4	Thursday	Diwali (Deepavali) <i>Religious Accommodation:</i> Hindu employees will likely request the day off on this date.	Jainism, Sikhism, Hinduism
Nov 6- Nov 7	Sundown Fri-Sundown Sat	**Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i
Nov 20 – Dec 6	Sundown Sun – Sundown Mon	Hanukkah/Chanukah <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Academics and work permitted. Provide food accommodation as requested (kosher restrictions apply— potato pancakes, doughnuts or other fried food is customary).	Judaism
Dec 24-25	Thursday - Friday	Christmas <i>Recommended Accommodations:</i> Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date.	Christianity (RC, P, O)

		Christian employees will likely request to have this day off.	
Dec 26 – Jan 1	Sunday - Saturday	<p>**Kwanzaa</p> <p><i>Recommended Accommodations:</i></p> <p>Avoid scheduling important academic deadlines, events, or activities on this date. African American employees will likely request to have this day off.</p>	African American