



Multifaith Chaplaincy

Major religious dates

at a glance 2018/19

Supporting students and staff of
different faiths and none



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LSSS

September 2018

Sunday 2nd	Hindu	Shri Krishna Janamashtmi
Monday 10th	Jewish	Rosh Hashanah (start)
Wednesday 19th	Jewish	Yom Kippur
Sunday 23rd	Pagan	Autumn Equinox
Tuesday 25th	Jewish	Sukkot (start)

October 2018

Monday 1st	Jewish	Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday 2nd	Jewish	Simchat Torah
Tuesday 9th	Hindu	Navaratri (start)
Thursday 18th	Hindu	Dussera
Wednesday 31st	Pagan	Samhain

November 2018

Thursday 1st	Christian	All Saints Day
Wednesday 7th	Hindu/Sikh/Jain	Diwali
Friday 9th	Bahá'í	Birth of the Báb
Saturday 10th	Bahá'í	Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
Friday 23rd	Sikh	Birth of Guru Nanak
Saturday 24th	Sikh	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur
Wednesday 28th	Bahá'í	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

December 2018

Monday 3rd	Jewish	Hanukkah (start)
Saturday 8th	Buddhist	Bodhi Day
Friday 21st	Pagan	Winter Solstice/Yule
Tuesday 25th	Christian (Western)	Christmas

January 2019

Saturday 5th	Sikh	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh
Sunday 6th/Monday 7th	Christian (Orthodox)	Christmas

February 2019

Friday 1st	Pagan	Imbolc
Friday 15th	Buddhist Paranirvana	Nirvana Day

March 2019

Monday 4th	Hindu	Mahashivratri
Wednesday 6th	Christian	Ash Wednesday

March 2019

Wednesday 20th	Hindu	Holi (start)
Wednesday 20th	Jewish	Purim
Wednesday 20th	Pagan	Spring Equinox
Thursday 21st	Bahá'í	Naw-Ruz (New Year)

April 2019

Sunday 14th	Hindu	Shri Ram Navami
Sunday 14th	Sikh	Vaisakhi
Thursday 18th	Christian	Maundy Thursday
Friday 19th	Christian	Good Friday
Friday 19th	Jewish	Pesach/Passover (start)
Sunday 21st	Bahá'í	First day of Ridván
Sunday 21st	Christian	Easter

May 2019

Wednesday 1st	Pagan	Beltane
Sunday 5th	Muslim	Ramadan (start)
Sunday 19th	Buddhist	Wesak or Buddha Day
Friday 24th	Bahá'í	Declaration of the Báb
Thursday 30th	Christian	Ascension Day
Wednesday 29th	Bahá'í	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh

June 2019

Tuesday 4th	Muslim	Eid-ul-Fitr
Saturday 8th	Jewish	Shavuot (start)
Sunday 9th	Christian	Pentecost
Sunday 16th	Christian	Trinity Sunday
Sunday 16th	Sikh	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
Friday 21st	Pagan	Summer Solstice
Saturday 29th	Christian	Saints Peter and Paul

July 2019

Wednesday 10th	Bahá'í	Martyrdom of the Báb
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August 2019

Thursday 1st	Pagan	Lammas
Monday 12th	Muslim	Eid-ul-Adha
Thursday 15th	Christian (RC)	Assumption of Mary
Friday 23rd	Hindu	Shri Krishna Janamashtmi

Notes about dates

Buddhist festivals

Wesak is celebrated on different dates by different Buddhist traditions.

Hindu Festivals

Dates may vary by one or two days because of the use of the sighting of the moon in the Hindu calendar. This prevents confirmation of the dates until very near to the festivals.

Jewish festivals

These are understood as starting at sunset on the previous day and ending at nightfall. Jewish students may wish to return to their families for festivals, with implications for travelling time. Pesach (Passover) is an eight-day festival. Religious Jews might request absence for the first two days and the final two days which are major Jewish holy days. Some other festivals are two-day events.

Islamic festivals

Dates may vary by one or two days because of the use of the sighting of the moon in the Muslim calendar. This prevents confirmation of the dates until very near to the festivals. Ramadan is the Islamic month of fasting when Muslims are expected to fast between dawn and dusk.

Pagan festivals

There are many Pagan paths or traditions and therefore many different festivals. Dates and names of common festivals may also vary between traditions. Major gatherings are often held on the nearest weekend to a sacred day. For a lot of people who consider themselves Pagan, the day of celebration and its associated activities actually starts at sunset of the day before.

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