**Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations and Observances**

Fall 2018 – Summer 2020

This list is compiled by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Bucknell University for the use of Bucknell faculty, staff and students for planning purposes. As per the April 6, 2004 vote of the Faculty (thus enacting it into policy):

***“...faculty are expected to be mindful of potential conflicts with religious observances, and it is incumbent upon each individual faculty member to make reasonable accommodation when a student’s observance of a religious holiday conflicts with an academic obligation.”***

***“Scheduling for other major University events and extracurricular activities should also be done mindfully of religious holidays, and schedule conflicts should be avoided when possible so that religiously observant students are able to participate.”***

This calendar may contain some errors due to the complexity of some religious calendars: please double check dates before scheduling events. Also, please note that not all holidays, celebrations and observances fall on the same dates/days each year..

**Please send any corrections or suggestion**s to the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (chapel@bucknell.edu).

**NOTES:**

* Classes are not in session for holidays indicated in ***bold and italic***
* Jewish and Muslim holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the first date shown; this calendar also notes where evening observances are common.
* Holidays indicated by \* have been ***designated non-work days*** by those that celebrate them

**Fall 2018**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Eid al-Adha | Muslim | Aug. 22, 2018 | \*Non-work day |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Sept. 2, 2018 |  |
| Rosh Hashanah  (New Year) | Jewish | Sept. 10-11, 2018  (plus Sept. 9 evening) | \*Non-work days |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Sept. 12, 2018 |  |
| Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) | Jewish | Sept. 19, 2018  (plus Sept. 18 evening) | \*Non-work day |
| Sukkot | Jewish | Sept. 24-30, 2018  (plus Sept. 23 evening) | \*24-25 non-work days |
| Shemini Atzeret | Jewish | Oct. 1, 2018 | \*Non-work day |
| Simchat Torah | Jewish | Oct. 2, 2018  (plus Oct. 1 evening) | \*Non-work day |
| Indigenous Peoples’ Day |  | Oct. 8, 2018 |  |
| Navaratri/Dassehra | Hindu | Oct. 9-18, 2018 |  |
| Diwali | Hindu | Nov. 7, 2018 |  |
| Veteran’s Day |  | Nov. 11, 2018 |  |
| Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) | Muslim | Nov. 20, 2018 |  |
| ***Thanksgiving*** |  | ***Nov. 22, 2018*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Hanukkah (Chanukah) | Jewish | Dec. 3-10, 2018  (Plus Dec. 2 evening) | Holiday observance is in evenings |
| ***Christmas Day*** | ***Christian*** | ***Dec. 25, 2018***  ***(plus Dec. 24 evening)*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
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**Spring 2019**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| ***New Year’s Day*** |  | ***Jan. 1, 2019***  ***(plus Dec. 31 evening)*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
| Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2019 |  |
| ***Martin Luther King Day*** |  | ***Jan. 21, 2019*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Lunar New Year |  | Feb. 5, 2019 |  |
| Presidents’ Day |  | Feb. 18, 2019 |  |
| Maha Shivaratri | Hindu | Mar. 4, 2019 |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Christian | Mar. 6, 2019 |  |
| Beginning of Lent | Christian | Mar. 6, 2019 |  |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar. 21-22, 2019 |  |
| Purim | Jewish | Mar. 21, 2019  (plus Mar. 20 evening) |  |
| Good Friday | Christian | Apr. 19, 2019 |  |
| Easter | Christian | Apr. 21, 2019 |  |
| Ramanavami | Hindu | Apr. 14, 2019 |  |
| Passover | Jewish | Apr. 20-27, 2019 (plus Apr. 19-20 evenings) | \*20-21, 26-27 non-work days |
| Orthodox Good Friday | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 26, 2019 |  |
| Orthodox Easter | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 28, 2019 |  |
| Ramadan | Muslim | May 6 – June 4, 2019  (plus May 5 evening) | Holiday observance is in evenings |

**Summer 2019**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| ***Memorial Day*** |  | ***May 27, 2019*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Lailat Ul Qadr | Muslim | May 31, 2019 |  |
| Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) | Muslim | Jun. 5, 2019 | \*Non-work day |
| Shavuot | Jewish | Jun. 9-10, 2019 | \*Non-work day |
| ***U.S. Independence Day*** |  | ***Jul. 4, 2019*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
| Eid al-Adha | Muslim | Aug. 12, 2019 | \*Non-work day |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Aug. 23, 2019 |  |

**Fall 2019**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Sept. 1, 2019 |  |
| Navarati/Dassehra | Hindu | Sept. 29-Oct. 7, 2019 |  |
| Rosh Hashanah (New Year) | Jewish | Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2019  (plus Sept. 29 evening) | \*Non-work days |
| Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) | Jewish | Oct. 9, 2019  (plus Oct. 8 evening) | \*Non-work day |
| Indigenous Peoples’ Day |  | Oct. 14, 2019 |  |
| Sukkot | Jewish | Oct. 14-20, 2019  (plus Oct. 13 evening) | \*14-15 non-work days |
| Shemini Atzeret | Jewish | Oct. 21, 2019 | \*Non-work day |
| Simchat Torah | Jewish | Oct. 22, 2019  (plus Oct. 21 evening) | \*Non-work day |
| Diwali | Hindu | Oct. 27, 2019 |  |
| Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) |  | Nov. 10, 2019 |  |
| Veteran’s Day |  | Nov. 11, 2019 |  |
| ***Thanksgiving Day*** |  | ***Nov. 28, 2019*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Hanukkah (Chanukah) |  | Dec. 23-30, 2019  (plus Dec. 22 evening) | Holiday observance is in evenings |
| ***Christmas Day*** |  | ***Dec. 25, 2019***  ***(plus Dec. 24 evening)*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
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**Spring 2020**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| ***New Year’s Day*** |  | ***Jan. 1, 2020***  ***(plus Dec. 31 evening)*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
| Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2020 |  |
| ***Martin Luther King Day*** |  | ***Jan. 20, 2020*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Lunar New Year |  | Jan. 25, 2020 |  |
| Presidents’ Day |  | Feb. 17, 2020 |  |
| Maha Shivarati | Hindu | Feb. 21, 2020 |  |
| Beginning of Lent | Christian | Feb. 26, 2020 |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Chrsitian | Feb. 26, 2020 |  |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar. 9-10, 2020 |  |
| Purim | Jewish | Mar. 10, 2020  (plus Mar. 9 evening) |  |
| Ramanavami | Hindu | Apr. 2, 2020 |  |
| Passover | Jewish | Apr. 9-16, 2020  (plus Apr. 8-9 evenings) | \*9-10, 15-16 non-work days |
| Good Friday | Christian | Apr. 10, 2020 |  |
| Easter | Christian | Apr. 12, 2020 |  |
| Orthodox Good Friday | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 17, 2020 |  |
| Orthodox Easter | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 19, 2020 |  |
| Ramadan | Muslim | Apr. 24 – May 23, 2020  (plus Apr. 23 evening) | Holiday observance is in evenings |

**Summer 2020**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Religious Group** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Lailat Ul Qadr | Muslim | May 19, 2020 |  |
| Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) | Muslim | May 24, 2020 | \*Non-work day |
| ***Memorial Day*** |  | ***May 25, 2020*** | ***Classes not in session*** |
| Shavuot | Jewish | May 29-30, 2020 | \*Non-work days |
| ***U.S. Independence Day*** |  | ***Jul. 4, 2020*** | ***\*Non-work day/ Classes not in session*** |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Aug. 10, 2020 |  |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Aug. 20, 2020 |  |