**Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations and Observances**

Spring 2020 – Summer 2022

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.”***

**We understand this is not a complete list of all holidays and observances, please send any corrections or suggestions** to the Office of Religious & Spiritual Life (chapel@bucknell.edu).

**NOTES:**

* Holidays indicated by \* have been ***designated non-work days*** by those that celebrate them

**Spring 2020**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2020 |  |
| Lunar New Year |  | Jan. 25, 2020 |  |
| Maha Shivaratri | Hindu | Feb. 21, 2020 |  |
| Beginning of Lent | Christian | Feb. 26, 2020 |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Christian | Feb. 26, 2020 |  |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar. 9-10, 2020 |  |
| Purim | Jewish | Sundown Mar. 9, 2020 |  |
| Rama Navami | Hindu | Apr. 2, 2020 |  |
| Passover | Jewish | Sundown Apr. 8-16, 2020 | \*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 | Sundown Apr. 23, 2020 | Observant Muslims Fast from Sunup to Sundown. Dates may shift based on sighting of the moon. |

**Summer 2020**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Lailat Ul Qadr | Muslim | May 19, 2020 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Ascension Day | Christian | May 21, 2020 |  |
| Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) | Muslim | Sundown May 23, 2020 | \*Non-work day. Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Shavuot | Jewish | Sundown May 28-30, 2020 | \*Non-work days |
| Eid al Adha | Muslim | Sundown July 30-31. 2020 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Aug. 11, 2020 |  |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Aug. 29, 2020 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |

**Fall 2020**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Navaratri/Dassehra | Hindu | Oct. 17-26, 2020 |  |
| Rosh Hashanah (New Year) | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 18-20, 2020 | \*Non-work days |
| Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 27 - 28, 2020 | \*Non-work day |
| Indigenous Peoples’ Day | Native American | Oct. 12, 2020 |  |
| Sukkot | Jewish | Sundown Oct. 2-9, 2020 | \*3-4 are non-work days |
| Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah | Jewish | Sundown Oct. 9-11, 2020 | \*Non-work days |
| Diwali | Hindu | Nov. 14, 2020 |  |
| Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) | Muslim | Sundown Oct. 28, 2020 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) | Buddhist | Dec. 8, 2020 |  |
| Hanukkah (Chanukah) | Jewish | Sundown Dec. 10-18, 2020 | Holiday observance is in evenings. |
| Christmas Day | Christian | Dec. 25, 2020 | \*Non-work day |
| Kwanzaa | African American | Dec. 26, 2020-  Jan. 1, 2021 |  |

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| Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2021 |  |
| Lunar New Year |  | Feb. 12, 2021 |  |
| Maha Shivaratri | Hindu | Mar. 11, 2021 |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Christian | Feb. 17, 2021 |  |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar. 29, 2021 |  |
| Purim | Jewish | Sundown Feb. 25, 2021 |  |
| Rama Navami | Hindu | Apr. 21, 2021 |  |
| Passover/Pesach | Jewish | Sundown Mar. 27-Apr. 4, 2021 | \*Work restriction, 1st two days, last two days |
| Good Friday | Christian | Apr. 2, 2021 |  |
| Easter | Christian | Apr. 4, 2021 |  |
| Yom ha-Shoah | Jewish | Sundown Apr. 7, 2021 |  |
| Buddha Day (Vesak) | Buddhist | Apr. 8, 2021 |  |
| Orthodox Good Friday | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 30, 2021 |  |
| Ramadan Begins | Muslim | Sundown Apr. 223, 2021 | Observant Muslims Fast from Sunup to Sundown. Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Orthodox Easter | Orthodox Christian | May 2, 2021 |  |
| Lailat ul Qadr | Muslim | May 8, 2021 |  |
| Ascension Day | Christian | May 13, 2021 |  |
| Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) | Muslim | May 23, 2021 | \*Non-work day |

**Summer 2021**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Shavuot | Jewish | Sundown May 16-18, 2021 | \*Non-work days |
| Eid al Adha | Muslim | Sundown Jul. 19, 2021 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Aug. 29, 2021 |  |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Aug. 18, 2021 |  |

**Fall 2021**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Rosh Hashanah (New Year) | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 6-8, 2021 | \*Non-work days |
| Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 15-16, 2021 | \*Non-work day |
| Navaratri | Hindu | Oct. 7-14, 2021 |  |
| Indigenous Peoples’ Day | Native American | Oct. 11, 2021 |  |
| Sukkot | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 20-27, 2021 |  |
| Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah | Jewish | Sundown Sept. 27-29, 2021 |  |
| Diwali | Hindu | Nov. 4, 2021 |  |
| Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) | Muslim | Sundown Oct. 18, 2021 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) | Buddhist | Dec. 8, 2021 |  |
| Hanukkah (Chanukah) | Jewish | Sundown Nov. 28-Dec. 5, 2021 | Holiday observance is in evenings |
| Christmas | Christian | Dec. 25, 2021 | \*Non-work day |
| Kwanzaa | African American | Dec. 26, 2021-Jan. 1, 2022 |  |

**Spring 2022**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Orthodox Christmas | Orthodox Christian | Jan. 7, 2022 |  |
| Lunar New Year |  | Feb. 1, 2022 |  |
| Maha Shivaratri | Hindu | Mar. 1, 2022 |  |
| Ash Wednesday | Christian | Mar. 2, 2022 |  |
| Holi | Hindu | Mar. 29, 2022 |  |
| Purim | Jewish | Sundown Mar. 16, 2022 |  |
| Rama Navami | Hindu | Apr. 10, 2022 |  |
| Passover/Pesach | Jewish | Sundown Apr. 15-22, 2022 | Work restriction, 1st two days, last two days |
| Good Friday | Christian | Apr. 15, 2022 |  |
| Easter | Christian | Apr. 17, 2022 |  |
| Orthodox Good Friday | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 22, 2022 |  |
| Orthodox Easter | Orthodox Christian | Apr. 24, 2022 |  |
| Ramadan Begins | Muslim | Sundown Apr. 2 - May 3, 2022 | Observant Muslims Fast from Sunup to Sundown. Dates may shift with moon-sighting |

**Summer 2022**

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| **Holiday or Observance** | **Tradition** | **Dates** | **Notes** |
| Lailat Ul Qadr | Muslim | Apr. 28, 2022 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) | Muslim | May 3, 2022 | \*Non-work day. Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Ascension Day | Christian | May 26, 2022 |  |
| Shavuot | Jewish | Sundown Jun. 4-7, 2022 | \*Non-work days |
| Eid al Adha | Muslim | Sundown Jul. 9-10, 2022 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |
| Janmashtami | Hindu | Aug. 18, 2022 |  |
| Ashura (New Year) | Muslim | Aug. 8, 2022 | Dates may shift with moon-sighting |