

# Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations, and Observances

Summer 2025 – Summer 2026

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
- Holidays indicated by \*\* may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting

## Summer 2025

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Buddha Day	Buddhist	May 5	
Declaration of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown May 22 - May 23, 2025	
Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh	Baha’i	Sundown May 28 - May 29, 2025	
Ascension Day	Christian	May 29	
Shavuot	Jewish	Sundown Jun 1-Jun 3, 2025	*Non-work days
Eid al Adha	Muslim	**Sundown Jun 6- Jun 7, 2025	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Ashura	Muslim	Sundown Jul 5- Jul 6, 2025	
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown July 8 - July 9, 2025	
Tisha B’Av	Jewish	Sundown Aug 2-Aug 3, 2025	Fast day

## Fall 2025

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 15, 2025	
Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	Muslim	**Sundown Sep 4- Sep 5, 2025	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Navaratri	Hindu	Sep 22-Oct 1, 2025	
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Sundown Sep 22-Sep 24, 2025	*Non-work days
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	Sundown Oct 1-Oct 2, 2025	*Non-work day, fast day

Sukkot	Jewish	Sundown Oct 6-Oct 13, 2025	*Non-work days (first two days only)
Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah	Jewish	Sundown Oct 13-Oct 15, 2025	*Non-work days
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Native American	Oct 13, 2025	
Diwali	Hindu, Sikh, Jain	Oct 20, 2025	
Birth of the Báb	Baha'i	Sundown Oct 21 - Oct 22, 2025	
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	Sundown Oct 22 - Oct 23, 2025	
Guru Nanak Birthday	Sikh	Nov 5, 2025	
Chanukah (Hanukkah)	Jewish	Sundown Dec 14-Dec 22, 2025	
Christmas	Christian	Dec 25	*Non-work day
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26-Jan 1	

## Spring 2026

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Jan 7, 2026	
Guru Gobind Singh Birthday	Sikh	Jan 20, 2026	
Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Jan 7	
Lunar New Year		Feb 17, 2026	
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Feb 18, 2026	
Baha'i Fast	Baha'i	Sundown Mar 1 - Mar 20, 2026	Observant Baha'i followers fast from sunrise to sunset.
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	Feb 26, 2025	
Ramadhan	Muslim	**Sundown Feb 17-Mar 19, 2026	Observant Muslims Fast from before sunrise to sundown. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Naw-Ruz	Baha'i	Sundown, Mar 20 - Mar 21, 2026	
Purim	Jewish	Sundown Mar 2-Mar 3, 2026	
Holi	Hindu, Sikh	Mar 4, 2026	
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	**Sundown Mar 14-Mar 15, 2026	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadhan)	Muslim	**Mar 20, 2026	*Non-work day. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Rama Navami	Hindu	Mar 26, 2026	
Vaisakhi	Sikh	Apr 14, 2026	
Good Friday	Christian	Apr 3, 2026	
Orthodox Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian	Apr 10, 2026	

Easter	Christian	Apr 5, 2026	
Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	Apr 12, 2026	
First Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 20 - Apr 21, 2026	
Passover/Pesach	Jewish	Sundown Apr 1-Apr 9, 2026	*Non-work days (1, 2, 7, and 8 only)
Ninth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 28 - Apr 29, 2026	
Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown May 1 - May 2, 2026	

## Summer 2026

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Ascension Day	Christian	May 14, 2026	
Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	Sundown May 23 - May 24, 2026	
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	Sundown, May 28 - May 29, 2026	
Shavuot	Jewish	Sundown May 21-May 23, 2026	*Non-work days
Eid al Adha	**Muslim	Sundown May 26-May 27, 2026	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Ashura (New Year)	**Muslim	Sundown Jun 25- Jun 26, 2026	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	Sundown July 9 - July 10, 2026	
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	Sundown Jul 22-Jul 23, 2026	Fast day