

Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations, and Observances

Summer 2024 – Summer 2025

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 2024

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Declaration of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown May 22 - May 23, 2024	
Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh	Baha’i	Sundown May 27 - May 28, 2024	
Shavuot	Jewish	Sundown Jun 11-Jun 13, 2024	*Non-work days
Eid al Adha	Muslim	**Sundown Jun 15- Jun 16, 2024	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown July 8 - July 9, 2024	
Tisha B’Av	Jewish	Sundown Aug 12-Aug 13, 2024	Fast day
Ashura	Muslim	Sundown Jul 16- Jul 17, 2024	

Fall 2024

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug 26, 2024	
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Sundown Oct 2-Oct 4, 2024	*Non-work days
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	Sundown Oct 11-Oct 12, 2024	*Non-work day, fast day
Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	Muslim	**Sundown Sep 15- Sep 16, 2024	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Sukkot	Jewish	Sundown Oct 16-Oct 23, 2024	*Non-work days (first two days only)

Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah	Jewish	Sundown Oct 23-Oct 25, 2024	*Non-work days
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Native American	Oct 14, 2024	
Birth of the Báb	Baha'i	Sundown Nov 1 - Nov 2, 2024	
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	Sundown Nov 2 - Nov 3, 2024	
Navaratri	Hindu	Oct 3-Oct 12, 2024	
Diwali	Hindu, Sikh, Jain	Oct 31, 2024	
Guru Nanak Birthday	Sikh	Oct 31, 2024	
Chanukah (Hanukkah)	Jewish	Sundown Dec 25-Jan 2, 2024	
Christmas	Christian	Dec 25, 2024	*Non-work day
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26, 2024-Jan 1, 2025	

Spring 2025

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Sundown Dec 25, 2024-Jan 2, 2025	
Guru Gobind Singh Birthday	Sikh	Jan 6, 2025	
Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Jan 7, 2025	
Lunar New Year		Jan 29, 2025	
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Mar 5, 2025	
Baha'i Fast	Baha'i	Sundown Feb 28 - March 19, 2025	Observant Baha'i followers fast from sunrise to sunset.
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	Feb 26, 2025	
Ramadhan	Muslim	**Sundown Feb 28-Mar 29, 2025	Observant Muslims Fast from before sunrise to sundown. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Naw-Ruz	Baha'i	Sundown Mar 19 - Mar 20, 2025	
Purim	Jewish	Sundown Mar 13-Mar 14, 2025	
Holi	Hindu, Sikh	Mar 15, 2025	
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	**Sundown Mar 26-Mar 27, 2025	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadhan)	Muslim	**Mar 30, 2025	*Non-work day. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Rama Navami	Hindu	Apr 6, 2025	
Vaisakhi	Sikh	Apr 14, 2025	
Good Friday	Christian	Apr 18, 2025	
Orthodox Holy Friday	Orthodox Christian	Apr 18, 2028	
Easter	Christian	Apr 20, 2025	

Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	Apr 20, 2025	
First Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 19 - Apr 20, 2025	
Passover/Pesach	Jewish	Sundown Apr 12-Apr 20, 2025	*Non-work days (1, 2, 7, and 8 only)
Ninth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 27 - Apr 28, 2025	
Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 30 - May 1, 2025	

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Ascension Day	Christian	May 29, 2025	
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