

Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations, and Observances

Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

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 2023

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Declaration of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown May 23 - sundown May 24, 2023	
Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh	Baha’i	Sundown May 28 - sundown May 29, 2023	
Shavuot	Jewish	Sundown May 25 - nightfall May 27, 2023	*Non-work days
Eid al Adha	Muslim	**Sundown June 29 - sundown Jul 2, 2023	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha’i	Sundown July 9 - sundown July 10, 2023	
Tisha B’Av	Jewish	Sundown Jul 26 - nightfall Jul 27, 2023	Fast day
Ashura	Muslim	Sundown Jul 27- sundown Jul 28, 2023	

Fall 2023

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Janmashtami	Hindu	Sept 6-Sept 7, 2023	
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Sundown Sept 15 - nightfall Sept 17, 2023	*Non-work days
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	Sundown Sept 24 - nightfall Sept 25, 2023	*Non-work day, fast day
Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	Muslim	**Sundown Sept 26-sundown Sept 27, 2023	**Dates may shift with moon-sighting

Sukkot	Jewish	Sundown Sept 29 - sundown Oct 6, 2023	*Non-work days (first two days only)
Shemini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah	Jewish	Sundown Oct 6 - nightfall Oct 8, 2023	*Non-work days
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Native American	Oct 9, 2023	
Birth of the Báb	Baha'i	Sundown Oct 15 - sundown Oct 16, 2023	
Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i	Sundown Oct 16 - sundown Oct 17, 2023	
Navaratri	Hindu	Oct 15-Oct 24, 2023	
Diwali	Hindu, Sikh, Jain	Nov 12, 2023	
Guru Nanak Birthday	Sikh	Nov 27, 2023	
Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Jewish	Sundown Dec 7 - nightfall Dec 15, 2023	
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Dec 8, 2023	
Christmas	Christian	Dec 25, 2023	*Non-work day
Kwanzaa	African American	Dec 26, 2023-Jan 1, 2024	

Spring 2024

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox Christian	Jan 7, 2024	
Guru Gobind Singh Birthday	Sikh	Jan 17, 2024	
Lunar New Year		Feb 10, 2024	
Ash Wednesday	Christian	Feb 14, 2024	
Baha'i Fast	Baha'i	Sundown Feb 29 - sundown March 19, 2024	Observant Baha'i followers fast from sunrise to sunset.
Maha Shivaratri	Hindu	March 8, 2024	
Ramadhan Begins	Muslim	**Sundown Mar 11, 2024	Observant Muslims Fast from before sunrise to sundown. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Naw-Ruz	Baha'i	Sundown Mar 19 - sundown Mar 20, 2024	
Orthodox Ash Wednesday	Orthodox Christian	Mar 20, 2024	
Purim	Jewish	Sundown Mar 23 - nightfall Mar 24, 2024	
Holi	Hindu, Sikh	Mar 25, 2024	
Good Friday	Christian	March 29, 2024	Good Friday
Easter	Christian	March 31, 2024	Easter

Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	**Apr 6, 2024	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Eid al-Fitr (End of Ramadhan)	Muslim	**Apr 10, 2024	*Non-work day. **Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Vaisakhi	Sikh	Apr 13, 2024	Vaisakhi
Rama Navami	Hindu	Apr 17, 2024	Rama Navami
First Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 20 - sundown Apr 21, 2024	
Passover/Pesach	Jewish	Sundown Apr 22 - nightfall Apr 30, 2024	*Non-work days (1, 2, 7, and 8 only)
Ninth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown Apr 28 - sundown Apr 29, 2024	
Twelfth Day of Ridvan	Baha'i	Sundown May 1 - sundown May 2, 2024	
Orthodox Good Friday	Orthodox Christian	May 3, 2024	
Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	May 5, 2024	
Ascension Day	Christian	May 9, 2024	Ascension Day

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Shavuot	Jewish	Sundown June 11 - nightfall June 13, 2024	*Non-work days
Eid al Adha	**Muslim	Jun 16, 2024	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Ashura (New Year)	**Muslim	Jul 17, 2024	**Dates may shift +/- a day with moon-sighting
Tisha B'Av	Jewish	Sundown Aug 12 - nightfall Aug 13, 2024	Fast day
Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	Sundown July 8 - July 9, 2024	