

Selected Religious Holidays, Celebrations and Observances

Summer 2021 – 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

Summer 2021

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
Ashura	Muslim	Sundown Aug. 18, 2021	
Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug. 30, 2021	

Fall 2021

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. 7-15, 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

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. 19, 2022	
Purim	Jewish	Sundown Mar. 16, 2022	
Rama Navami	Hindu	Apr. 10, 2022	
Passover/Pesach	Jewish	Sundown Apr. 15-23, 2022	Work restriction, 1 st 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, 2022	Observant Muslims Fast from Sunup to Sundown. Dates may shift with moon- sighting
Lailat Ul Qadr	Muslim	Sundown Apr. 27, 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

Summer 2022

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
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
Ashura	Muslim	Sundown Aug. 7, 2022	Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Janmashtami	Hindu	Aug. 18, 2022	

Fall 2022

Holiday or Observance	Tradition	Dates	Notes
Rosh Hashanah (New Year)	Jewish	Sundown Sept. 25 - 27, 2022	*Non-work days
Navaratri/Dassehra	Hindu	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4, 2022	
Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)	Jewish	Sundown Oct. 4 - 5, 2022	*Non-work day
Mawlid (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	Muslim	Sundown Oct. 7, 2022	Dates may shift with moon-sighting
Sukkot	Jewish	Sundown Oct. 9 - 16, 2022	*3-4 are non-work days
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Native American	Oct. 10, 2022	
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	Jewish	Sundown Oct. 16 - 18, 2022	*Non-work days
Diwali	Hindu	Oct. 24, 2022	
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)	Buddhist	Dec. 8, 2022	
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	