



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Religious Holidays  
2020-2021 Academic Year**

Gallaudet University values diverse religious perspectives and beliefs. Our students celebrate and value a variety of religious traditions. We are committed to supporting our students observing their religious holidays, while also maintaining their commitment to their academic efforts.

The University recognizes the importance of religious holidays and encourages all faculty to make reasonable accommodations necessary for students' observances. Students should provide faculty reasonable prior notice of religious holidays on which they will be absent. For more information about the University's guidance to students regarding potential conflicts between academic and religious calendars, please visit the [Registrar's Office website](#).

It is important to note that the faculty have authority to set their own attendance policies and have discretion to designate a student absence as "excused" or "unexcused" based on academic judgments.

A representative list of holy days for the 2020-2021 academic year from several major traditions follows. These are only representative holidays and this list is not exhaustive. For a more complete listing, please visit the [Interfaith Calendar](#).

Dates	Observance
Friday, *Sept 18 – Sunday, Sept 20, 2020	Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, *Sept 27 – Monday, Sept, 28 2020	Yom Kippur
Friday, *Oct 2 – Friday, Oct 9, 2020	Sukkot
Friday, *Oct 9 – Sunday, Oct 11, 2020	Shemini Atzeret
Saturday, *Oct 10 – Sunday, Oct 11, 2020	Simchat Torah
Saturday, Oct 17 – Monday, Oct 26, 2020	Navaratri
Sunday, Oct 25, 2020	Dussehra
Saturday, Nov, 14, 2020	Diwali
Thursday, *Dec 10 – Friday, Dec 18, 2020	Hanukkah
Friday, Feb 12, 2021	Lunar New Year
Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021	Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent
Thursday, *February 25 – Friday, February 26, 2021	Purim
Saturday, *March 27 – Saturday, April 3, 2021	Pesach/Passover
Friday, April 2, 2021	Good Friday
Friday, April 2, 2021	Holy Friday
Monday, Apr 12 – Tuesday May 11	Ramadan
Thursday, May 13, 2021	Ascension Day

\* *After sundown*