



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Religious Holidays  
2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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
Monday, *Sept 7 – Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021	Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday, *Sept 15 – Thursday, Sept 16, 2021	Yom Kippur
Monday, *Sept 20 – Monday, Sept 27, 2021	Sukkot
Monday, * Sept 27 – Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021	Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday, *Sept 28 – Wednesday, Sept 29, 2021	Simchat Torah
Thursday, Oct 7 – Friday, Oct 15, 2021	Navratri
Friday, Oct 15, 2021	Dussehra
Thursday, Nov 4, 2021	Diwali
Sunday, *Nov 28 – Monday Dec 6, 2021	Hanukkah
Tuesday, Feb 1, 2022	Lunar New Year
Wednesday, March 2, 2022	Ash Wednesday
Monday, March 7, 2022	Eastern Orthodox Beginning of Lent
Wednesday, *March 16 – Thursday, March 17, 2022	Purim
Friday, *April 15 – Friday, April 22, 2022	Pesach/Passover
Friday, April 15, 2022	Good Friday
Friday, April 15, 2022	Holy Friday
Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, May 1, 2022	Ramadan
Thursday, May 26, 2022	Ascension Day

\* *After sundown*