

The Faculty Senate has set guidelines pertaining to the observation of religious holidays. These have become university policy and are as follows:

1. that students notify faculty during the first week of the semester of their intention to be absent from class on their day(s) of religious observance.
2. that faculty continue to extend to these students the courtesy of absence without penalty on such occasions, including permission to make up examinations.
3. that faculty who intend to observe a religious holiday arrange at the beginning of the semester to re-schedule missed classes or to make other provisions for their course-related activities.
4. that, prior to each semester, the administration circulate to faculty a schedule of religious holidays most frequently observed by GW students.
5. that student members of other religious groups are also entitled to the same courtesies and accommodations.
6. that the administration conveys this policy to students by including it in the Schedule of Classes and other places deemed appropriate.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY CALENDAR*

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>AY 2019-2020</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>RELIGION</u>
Eid al Adha	August 10 - 11, 2019	Saturday - Sunday	Islamic
Krishna Janmashtami	August 24, 2019	Saturday	Hindu
Al-Hijra (Islamic New Year)	August 30 - 31, 2019	Friday - Saturday	Islamic
Rosh Hashanah	September 29 - October 1, 2019	Sunday - Tuesday	Jewish
Dussehra (Dassera)	October 8, 2019	Tuesday	Hindu
Yom Kippur	October 8 - 9, 2019	Tuesday - Wednesday	Jewish
Sukkot	October 13 - 20, 2019	Sunday - Sunday	Jewish
Shemini Atzeret	October 20 - 22, 2019	Sunday - Tuesday	Jewish
Simchat Torah	October 21 - 22, 2019	Monday - Tuesday	Jewish
Deepavali (Diwali)	October 27, 2019	Sunday	Hindu
All Saints' Day	November 1, 2019	Friday	Christian
Mawlid-an-Nabi	November 9 - 10, 2019	Saturday - Sunday	Islamic
Guru Nanak's Birthday	November 12, 2019	Tuesday	Sikh
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2019	Sunday	Christian
Hanukkah/Chanukah	December 22 - 30, 2019	Sunday - Monday	Jewish
Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday	January 2, 2020	Thursday	Sikh
Bodhi Day	January 2, 2020	Thursday	Buddhist
Russian Orthodox Christmas	January 7, 2020	Tuesday	Christian
Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese New Year	January 25, 2020	Saturday	n/a
Ash Wednesday	February 26, 2020	Wednesday	Christian
Purim	March 9 - 10, 2020	Monday - Tuesday	Jewish
Nowruz -- Persian New Year	March 20, 2020	Friday	n/a
Ram Navami	April 2, 2020	Thursday	Hindu
Palm Sunday	April 5, 2020	Sunday	Christian
Pesach (Passover) - first two days	April 8 - 9, 2020	Wednesday - Thursday	Jewish
Holy Thursday	April 9, 2020	Thursday	Christian
Good Friday	April 10, 2020	Friday	Christian
Easter (Western)	April 12, 2020	Sunday	Christian
Vaisakhi	April 13, 2020	Sunday	Sikh
Pesach (Passover) - last two days	April 15 - 16, 2020	Wednesday - Thursday	Jewish
Easter (Eastern Orthodox)	April 19, 2020	Sunday	Christian
Birth of Buddha (Vesak)	**PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW		Buddhist

***PLEASE NOTE: Although these dates were taken from sources that we feel are reliable, dates often vary by source.**

** The Birth of Buddha is observed on different days in different countries. The various dates are due to the numerous calendars used throughout the world. Some dates confirmed by religious leaders are April 30, May 7, and June 6.

According to several schools of Islamic law, which are followed by many of our Muslim students, attendance at the Friday congregational prayers is a required religious duty. Although the precise time of observance varies from year-to-year, it always remains within the time period of 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Jewish holidays begin at sunset of the previous evening.