

# EMORY UNIVERSITY

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### RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2016-17

For your information, these are the dates of major Christian, Jewish and Islamic holidays which will occur while the University is in session during the academic year of 2016 - 2017. These are provided in order that you may know of potential schedule conflicts involving large numbers of students. All students are responsible for negotiating their needs around religious practices with the professor.

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Religion</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>
Eid-al-Adha	<sup>1</sup> Islamic	September 11, 2016	Sunday
Navaratri	Hindu	October 1-10, 2016	Saturday – Monday
Rosh Hashanah	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	October 3-4, 2016	Monday - Tuesday
Dussehra	Hindu	October 11, 2016	Tuesday
Yom Kippur	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	October 12, 2016	Wednesday
Sukkot, first two days	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	October 17-18, 2016	Monday - Tuesday
Shemini Atzeret	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	October 24, 2016	Monday
Simchat Torah	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	October 25, 2016	Tuesday
Diwali	Hindu	October 30, 2016	Sunday
Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	November 1, 2016	Tuesday
Birth of Bahá'u'llá	Baha'i	November 2, 2016	Wednesday
Christmas	Christian	December 25, 2016	Sunday
Hanukkah	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	Dec. 25 – Jan. 1, 2017	Sunday - Sunday
Christmas	<sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch.	January 7, 2017	Saturday
Great Lent Begins	<sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch.	February 27, 2017	Monday
Ash Wednesday	Christian	March 1, 2017	Wednesday
Purim	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	March 12, 2017	Sunday
Naw-Rúz	Baha'i	March 20, 2017	Monday
Passover, first two days	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	April 11-12, 2017	Tuesday – Wednesday
Good Friday	Christian	April 14, 2017	Friday
Holy Friday	<sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch.	April 14, 2017	Friday
Easter	Christian	April 16, 2017	Sunday
Pascha (Easter)	<sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch.	April 16, 2017	Sunday
Passover, last two days	<sup>2</sup> Jewish	April 17-18, 2017	Monday – Tuesday
Ridvan	Baha'i	April 20, 2017	Thursday

<sup>1</sup>Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given. Islamic holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the mosque. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days; others may observe the first day of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Adha.)

<sup>2</sup>Jewish holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.

<sup>3</sup>Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.