

# EMORY UNIVERSITY

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### RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS – 2018-19

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 2018 - 2019. 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      | August 22, 2018       | Wednesday          |
| Rosh Hashanah            | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | September 10-11, 2018 | Monday-Tuesday     |
| Yom Kippur               | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | September 19, 2018    | Wednesday          |
| Sukkot, first two days   | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | September 24-25, 2018 | Monday-Tuesday     |
| Shemini Atzeret          | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | October 1, 2018       | Monday             |
| Simchat Torah            | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | October 2, 2018       | Tuesday            |
| Navaratri                | Hindu                     | October 10-18, 2018   | Wednesday-Thursday |
| Dussehra                 | Hindu                     | October 19, 2018      | Friday             |
| Diwali                   | Hindu                     | November 7, 2018      | Wednesday          |
| Birth of the Bab         | <sup>4</sup> Baha'i       | November 9, 2018      | Friday             |
| Birth of Bahá'u'llá      | <sup>4</sup> Baha'i       | November 10, 2018     | Saturday           |
| Hanukkah                 | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | December 3-10, 2018   | Monday-Monday      |
| Christmas                | Christian                 | December 25, 2018     | Tuesday            |
| Christmas                | <sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch. | January 7, 2019       | Monday             |
| Ash Wednesday            | Christian                 | March 6, 2019         | Wednesday          |
| Great Lent Begins        | <sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch. | March 11, 2019        | Monday             |
| Purim                    | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | March 21, 2019        | Thursday           |
| Naw-Rúz                  | <sup>4</sup> Baha'i       | March 21, 2019        | Thursday           |
| Good Friday              | Christian                 | April 19, 2019        | Friday             |
| Passover, first two days | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | April 20-21, 2019     | Saturday – Sunday  |
| Easter                   | Christian                 | April 21, 2019        | Sunday             |
| Holy Friday              | <sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch. | April 26, 2019        | Friday             |
| Passover, last two days  | <sup>2</sup> Jewish       | April 26-27, 2019     | Friday – Saturday  |
| Pascha (Easter)          | <sup>3</sup> Orthodox Ch. | April 28, 2019        | Sunday             |
| Ridvan                   | <sup>4</sup> Baha'i       | <i>April 21, 2019</i> | <i>Sunday</i>      |

<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.

<sup>4</sup>Baha'i holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.