



Select Major Religious Observances in Academic Year 2020-21

(August 2020 to July 2021)

Members of the Emory University community observe many diverse religious holidays. Below are the dates of select major Hindu, Jewish, Christian, and Muslim holidays that will occur over the academic year. OSRL provides this list in order to help prevent scheduling conflicts that could impact large populations in the campus community. There are many more religious traditions and holidays observed than are listed here. According to policy, students should work with their faculty members as early as possible to arrange reasonable accommodations for their particular religious observances. Academic deans, ORSL, and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are also available for consultation.

Holiday	Religion	Date
Islamic New Year	Islam	Eve August 20 through day August 21, 2020
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	Eve September 18 through September 20, 2020 after nightfall
Yom Kippur	Judaism	Eve September 27 through September 28, 2020 after nightfall
Sukkot, first two days	Judaism	Eve October 2 through October 4, 2020 after nightfall
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	Judaism	Eve October 9 through October 11, 2020 after nightfall
Diwali	Hinduism	November 14, 2020
Hanukkah	Judaism	Eve December 10 through day December 18, 2020
Christmas	Christianity	December 25, 2020
Christmas	Orthodox Christianity	January 7, 2021
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	February 17, 2021
Purim	Judaism	Eve February 25 through day February 26, 2021
Orthodox Lent Begins	Orthodox Christianity	March 15, 2021
Passover, first two days	Judaism	Eve March 27 through March 29, 2021 after nightfall
Holi	Hinduism	Eve March 28 through day March 29, 2021
Passover, last two days	Judaism	Eve April 2 through April 4, 2021 after nightfall
Good Friday	Christianity	April 2, 2021
Easter	Christianity	April 4, 2021
Ramadan Begins	Islam	Eve April 12 through day April 13, 2021
Orthodox Holy Friday	Orthodox Christianity	April 30, 2021
Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christianity	May 2, 2021
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	Eve May 12 through day May 13, 2021
Shavuot	Judaism	Eve May 16 through May 18, 2021 after nightfall
Eid al-Adha	Islam	Eve July 19 through day July 21, 2021

Muslim holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon as announced by the mosque. Christian holidays also begin on the eve of the dates listed.