Accommodating Religious Observance Policies and Important Dates Academic Years 23-24 and 24-25

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We encourage faculty to provide this policy within their syllabi so students are made aware that it is their responsibility to arrange accommodations for missing class for religious observance with faculty in advance.

If faculty do not wish to print the entire policy in their syllabi, below is a succinct way to provide the same basic content and point people to the full policy online:

Students can receive academic accommodations for religious observance if academic requirements create a conflict with required religious observance. responsibility to be in communication with the faculty member at least two weeks prior to the need for the accommodation. For the full policy, please refer to https://www.butler.edu/registrar/religious-holidays.

Holy Days

Faculty and staff are encouraged to avoid scheduling exams, field trips, campus events, alumni events, or other activities on the major holy days observed and celebrated by our campus communities provided below.

The dates below are not comprehensive of all religious traditions nor are they inclusive of all important dates within any particular religion. The dates below represent the most important holy dates for the religious traditions that are most commonly observed within our campus community. For a much more comprehensive list of religious holidays, the CFV website has linked to an interfaith calendar here.

June 28-29, 2023*	, the second of the two major holidays celebrated around the world in Islam; a great feast that marks the end of the Hajj.	
September 15-17, 2023*	, the New Year in the Jewish calendar and the first of the High Holidays.	
September 24-25, 2023*	, the day of Atonement for Jewish communities, second of the High Holidays, and the most widely observed Jewish holiday during the year.	Jews who are observing Yom Kippur traditionally will be fasting from work, eating, and

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	South Asia and world-wide, connected to	
D 1 05 0000	Hinduism, Skhism, and Jainism.	
December 25, 2023	, celebration of the birth of	
	Jesus. Typically, one of the two most holy	
	days of the year for Christians.	
December 26, 2023-	African American and Pan-	
January 1, 2024	African holiday celebrating family,	
	community, and culture. The holiday is	
	secular with some religious expressions	
	celebrating seven life virtues.	
January 7, 2024	, celebration of the	
	birth of Jesus in the Eastern Orthodox	
	traditions.	
February 10, 2024	,	
	celebrated as the most important holiday	
	of the year in East Asian Lunar calendars,	
	the holiday is observed all over the world	
	and has connections to Buddhism,	
	Daoism, and Confucianism, though its	
	origins are secular and observance spans	
	across religious and secular communities.	
February 14, 2024	, Christian first day of	Christians may fast from meat
, , ,	Lent. Participation in an Ash Wednesday	on Fridays or engage in other
	service or distribution of the ashes is	forms of fasting between
	observed by many Christians and may	February 14 and March 31.
	require schedule flexibility.	
March 10-April 8,	, the holy month of fasting	Muslims fast daily from food or
2024*	within Islam; avoid exams and events on	drink before sunrise until
(Avoid exams and	the first two days of Ramadan and during	sunset.
other programs on the	the Eld celebration. Muslims will continue	cariot.
first night of	daily activity, but most adults will be	
Ramadan)	fasting from dawn until dusk.	
March 25, 2024*	, Hindu festival of colors celebrating	
Mai G1 25, 2024	episodes of the life of Krishna. Commonly	
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	celebrated by South Asian communities	
Marrah 04 04 0004	of many religious and secular traditions.	
March 24 31, 2024	, beginning with	
	Palm Sunday on March 24, the week	
	indudes	
	Observed	
	by Catholic and Protestant Christians as	
	the most important days of the year, the	
	week includes ritualized telling of the Last	

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essential to avoid.	presence in creation.	
October 31, 2024	, festival of lights celebrated within	
	South Asia and world-wide, connected to	
	Hinduism, Skhism, and Jainism.	
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