



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Religious Holidays
2023-2024
Academic Year**

Gallaudet University values diverse religious perspectives and beliefs. Our students celebrate and value a variety of religious traditions. We are committed to supporting our students observing their religious holidays, while also maintaining their commitment to their academic efforts.

The University recognizes the importance of religious holidays and encourages all faculty to make reasonable accommodations necessary for students' observances. Students should provide faculty reasonable prior notice of religious holidays on which they will be absent. For more information about the University's guidance to students regarding potential conflicts between academic and religious calendars, please visit the [Registrar's Office website](#).

It is important to note that the faculty have authority to set their own attendance policies and have discretion to designate a student absence as "excused" or "unexcused" based on academic judgments.

A representative list of holy days for the 2023-2024 academic year from several major traditions follows. These are only representative holidays and this list is not exhaustive. For a more complete listing, please visit the [Interfaith Calendar](#).

Dates	Observance
Friday, *Sept 15– Sunday, Sept 17, 2023	Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, *Sept 24 – Monday, Sept 25, 2023	Yom Kippur
Friday, *Sept 29 – Friday, Oct 6, 2023	Sukkot
Friday, *Oct 6 – Sunday, Oct 8, 2023	Shemini Atzeret
Friday, *Oct 6 – Sunday, Oct 8, 2023	Simchat Torah
Thursday, Oct 3 – Friday, Oct 11, 2023	Navratri
Thursday, Oct 31, 2023 – Monday, Nov 4, 2023	Diwali
Thursday, *December 7 – Friday, Dec 15, 2023	Hanukkah
Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday
Monday, *April 22 – Tuesday April 30, 2024	Pesach/Passover
Friday, March 29, 2024	Good Friday
Friday, March 29, 2024	Holy Friday
Sunday, March 10 – Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Ramadan
Tuesday, April 9 – Wednesday, April 10, 2024	Eid al-Fitr
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Ascension Day

* *After sundown*