



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Religious Holidays
2025-2026
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 in 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 with 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 has the authority to set their attendance policies and have the discretion to designate a student's absence as "excused" or "unexcused" based on academic judgments.

A representative list of holy days for the 2025-2026 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
Monday, *Sept. 22 – Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025	Rosh Hashanah
Wednesday *Oct. 1 – Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025	Yom Kippur
Monday, *Oct. 6 – Monday, Oct. 13, 2025	Sukkot
Monday, *Oct 13 – Wed., Oct 15, 2025	Shemini Atzeret
Tuesday, *Oct 14 – Wed., Oct 15, 2025	Simchat Torah
Monday, Sept. 22 – Thursday, Oct 2, 2025	Navratri
Monday, Oct 20 – Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025	Diwali
Sunday, *Dec. 14 – Monday, Dec. 22, 2025	Hanukkah
Wednesday, February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, *April 1 – Thursday April 9, 2026	Pesach/Passover
Friday, April 3, 2026	Good Friday
Tuesday, Feb. 17 – Thursday, Mar. 19, 2026	Ramadan
Thursday, Mar. 19 – Friday, Mar. 20, 2026	Eid al-Fitr
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Ascension Day

* *After sundown*