



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Religious Holidays
2026-2027
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 2026-2027 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. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026	Rosh Hashanah
Sunday *Sept. 20 – Monday, Sept. 21, 2026	Yom Kippur
Friday, *Sept. 25 – Friday, Oct. 2, 2026	Sukkot
Friday, *Oct. 2 – Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026	Shemini Atzeret
Saturday, *Oct. 3 – Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026	Simchat Torah
Sunday, Oct. 11 – Monday, Oct. 19, 2026	Navratri
Sunday, November 8	Diwali
Friday, *Dec. 4 – Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026	Hanukkah
Wednesday, February 10, 2027	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, Feb. 7 – Monday, Mar. 8, 2027	Ramadan
Tuesday, Mar. 9 – Wednesday, Mar. 10, 2027	Eid al-Fitr
Friday, March 26, 2027	Good Friday
Wednesday, *Apr. 21 – Thursday Apr. 29, 2027	Pesach/Passover
Thursday, May 6, 2027	Ascension Day

* *After sundown*