

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE CALENDAR  
2009–2010**

*Policy regarding religious holidays: Classes are held. Students observing these days will be granted excused absences from all classes and an opportunity to make up any tests or exams given on these days.*

**FALL 2009\***

**SEPTEMBER**

<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Friday</i>	<b>18</b>
This holiday officially begins at sundown on Friday, September 18, and continues until darkness on Sunday, September 20.		
<i>Eid-al-Fitr</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Sunday</i>	<b>20</b>
This Muslim holy day begins at sundown on Sunday, September 20, and continues until darkness on Monday, September 21. The Islamic calendar is lunar and depends on the actual sighting of the new moon; therefore, the actual dates may differ by a day or two.		
<i>Yom Kippur</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Sunday</i>	<b>27</b>
This holiday officially begins at sundown on Sunday, September 27, and continues until darkness on Monday, September 28.		

**OCTOBER**

<i>Sukkot</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Friday</i>	<b>2</b>
This holiday officially begins at sundown on Friday, October 2, and continues through darkness on Friday, October 9.		
<i>Shmini Atzeret</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Friday</i>	<b>9</b>
This holiday officially begins at sundown on Friday, October 9, and continues through darkness on Sunday, October 11.		

**NOVEMBER**

<i>Eid-al-Adah</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Friday</i>	<b>27</b>
This Muslim holy day begins at sundown on Friday, November 27, and continues until darkness on Saturday, November 28. The Islamic calendar is lunar and depends on the actual sighting of the new moon; therefore, the actual dates may differ by a day or two.		

**SPRING 2010**

**FEBRUARY**

<i>Ash Wednesday</i> . . . . .	<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>17</b>
Student’s class may conflict with scheduled on-campus mass.		

**MARCH**

<i>Passover</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Monday</i>	<b>29</b>
The first two days of this holiday are celebrated from sundown on Monday, March 29, until darkness on Wednesday, March 31; the last two days of the holiday are celebrated from sundown on Sunday, April 4, until darkness on Tuesday, April 6.		

**APRIL**

<i>Good Friday</i> . . . . .	<i>Friday</i>	<b>2</b>
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**MAY**

<i>Shavuot</i> . . . . .	<i>Begins sundown Tuesday</i>	<b>18</b>
This holiday officially begins at sundown on Tuesday, May 18, and continues until darkness on Thursday, May 20.		

\*Note: Ramadan begins at sundown on Friday, August 21, and continues through sundown on Sunday, September 20.